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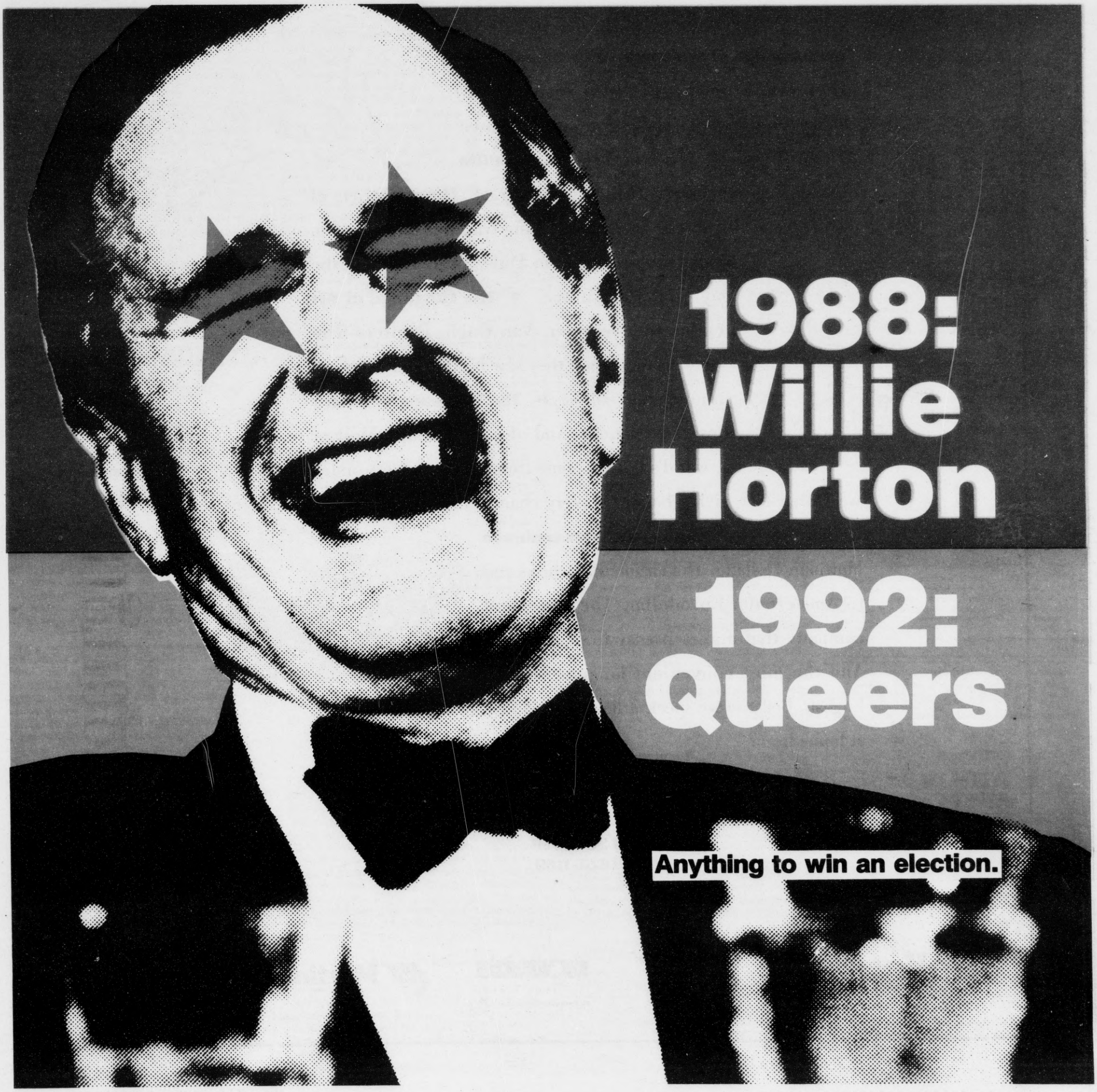

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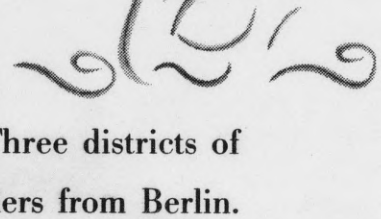

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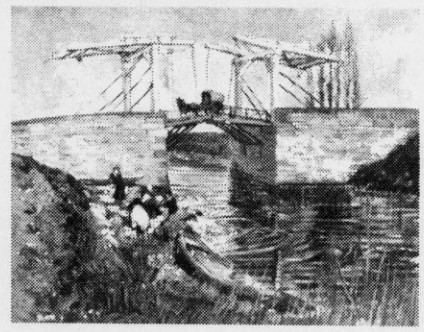

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Elite Cover

Congratulations on your "We Are the Cultural Elite" cover, the latest in a series of great covers. I can only add this: While I generally don't like to speak for others, I think I can safely say that the vast majority of queers wear Dan Quayle's scorn as a badge of honor.

Steve Omlid
San Francisco

The Real Politically Correct Cultural Elite

I've looked forward to every issue of the *SF Bay Times* for a couple of years. I love the careful, critical spirit in your reporting and essays, and the kick-ass attitude to challenge power where challenge is due. (Congratulations on the Hongisto cover!)

I saw the last issue with the cover, "We are the cultural elite..." and thought, "Oh, no!" "The cultural elite" is the same type of concept, formulated by the people (the real cultural and political elite in this country) who brought us the "politically correct" concept, and spurs a few reflections on their relatedness.

Until the '90s, when the right picked up on the term, "politically correct" was a term of affectionate disparagement on the left for those who were typically overcritical ideologues (new converts, mostly?) with no sense of humor. The later assertion by the far right, led particularly by the National Association of Scholars, that a few leftists and academics were in any sense "politically correct" and were imposing themselves on the rest of the nation, is absurd. This is a country where the truly politically correct powers (in the sense that they make real policy and carry it out) are busy laying waste to the environment, mobilizing hundreds of thousands to fight wars for profiteering, using simplistic, fear-based pseudo-issues to construct and manipulate patriotic PR spectacles. Buying their line and saying, "Yes, I'm politically correct," or, "Yes, we're the cultural elite," is playing their game of obfuscation and illusion.

We need to forcefully challenge this garbage by pointing out where the lines of real power run in this society. Yes, there is a politically correct cultural elite, a network of wealthy, white, (mostly) males, who go from this nation's prep schools through the Ivy Leagues and then on to top corporate offices, academia, think tanks and, for the last 12 years, the White House. This is a class phenomenon, where qualification is not necessarily relevant—how else could Dan Quayle become a lawyer without, it seems, ever having passed a bar exam? Class consciousness and class-based identity are alive and strong in the United States, though, ironically, at the top instead of the bottom.

The elite really makes policy and really carries it out. All the leftist academics and activists so bemoaned by the right could not stop a needless and extremely destructive war, cannot stop cuts in the AIDS budget ten years into the worsening epidemic, could not force our country to join the "community of nations" in acknowledging the fundamental need to address north/south economic disparities as we grapple with the environmental crisis that could mean the end of our species.

Yes, we are a type of cultural elite, if by that we mean that we are a vanguard. But Quayle was pointing to us (and to women and to Blacks) as an elite with real power, dominating the nation. This from a man representing an administration that has systematically redistributed income away from the poor and middle classes to the wealthy; an administration that has overseen the decimation of the nation's cities and material and educational infrastructures. He needs to be challenged. We need a project of mapping where the real elite with the real power lies, and I think your paper is part of that project.

I've read and appreciated the *SF Bay Times* for so long that I felt I just had to respond to this one thoughtless (or was it thoughtful?) cover. Please don't even pretend to play at this self-defeating game crafted by Dan Quayle's handlers.

Joseph Kanuch
San Francisco

Spinelli & Piercings

The following letter was sent to Chris Calkins and Arnold Spinelli, Spinelli Coffee Company:

Please reconsider your policy forbidding facial piercing among your employees. I have talked with many of your customers—friends and neighbors—who all concur: Any policy dictating personal decoration is antithetical to freedom of expression. Furthermore, policy based upon subjective aesthetic taste sets a dangerous precedent. How long before the policymaker moves from facial piercings to hair style, to skin color, to religion, to sexual and gender identification?

Spinelli's Coffee is excellent, and Spinelli's employees, with and without facial piercing (Viva diversity!) are upbeat, efficient and a pleasure to greet on those oh-so-early mornings. I spend a substantial amount of money monthly for the fine quality of product and service.

I hate the prospect of forgoing what has become a Spinelli ritual. However, if you won't rescind your policy forbidding facial piercing, I will walk the extra block to SF Coffee Co.

I am hopeful that you will limit your excellent taste and judgment to the body of coffee beans.

Jeannine Toussaint-Caron
San Francisco

Body Decoration Police

The following letter was sent to Arnold Spinelli and Chris Calkins:

I was shocked and saddened that your seemingly convivial company would appoint itself the "Body Decoration Police" of 24th Street. What in the world does firing good, loyal employees for facial piercing accomplish? Piercing takes no prisoners, breaks no hearts. Workers rent their time, their skill and their good will, but please, not their flesh! Remember the great feminist refrain, "My body's nobody's body but mine."

Body decoration is an intensely personal rite close to the core of every American's right to freedom of expression. All pro-choice body rights are deeply connected with cultural diversity affirming gender freedoms, ethnicity and age. At the age of 40, I had my ears pierced to ornament a new decade. At the age of 47, I got a beautiful tattoo to celebrate my commitment to the Buddhist Precepts.

I am not sure if either of you wear a colored cloth tie around your neck or rings on your fingers. I hope you use your body palette to create your own vision. Even though you have economic power, please don't deny another the same right and respect. Most of us 24th Street regulars believe coffee is best poured with grace and tolerance. We don't need cups of bitterness. Do you still accept money from customers with innovative jewelry, hair and skin designs?

If so, please reconsider this harsh policy of firing any welcoming, high-spirited, clean workers who have the exuberance to create their own body art. As my grandmother said, "No matter how far you've gone down the wrong road, you can always turn around." Such change is growth, and I will applaud your change of policy by returning to Spinelli's as a customer with downright cheer.

Celeste West
San Francisco

The Nature of Racism

Thom Bean, in "Oppression and Consequences" (*SF Bay Times*, June 18), was eloquent as always. But he has adopted what seems too narrow a view of racism. By that definition (Mike Smith's), to be a racist means simultaneously to be ethnically prejudiced *and* to belong to the dominant ethnic group: "Without the *absolute control* of this society... they cannot be racist." [italics added]

Bean, extending this definition globally, alludes to the instance of racists bringing along their prejudices unchanged to another country, where they are no longer part of the dominant ethnic group, as "ambiguous." I don't see the ambiguity. Changing the location but not the nature of the attitude is hardly grounds for exempting it from the name of racism!

Or take the converse instance: racist ethnic stocks being subjugated but retaining their oppressive attitudes. The classic instance is India, where for many thousands of years lighter-skinned, "twice born" castes oppressed the darker Sudras, pariahs and outcasts, on grounds that would qualify as racism by Bean's extension of Smith's definition. The Laws of Manu, which defined the castes and imposed Hitlerian punishments on those who struck back at their oppressors, even used the term *Varnos* (meaning *colors!*) for the four primary castes. These attitudes remained intact even after the British put themselves above the highest castes. Did the caste system stop being racist? Gandhi called it "apartheid carried to insanity."

Regrettably, Mike Smith's parochial definition is too close to that of some less wise and far less compassionate folks who preached that racism was invented in the United States, that all whites are automatically racists and that no nonwhites can be racists. That stereotype is too rigid—and too historically inaccurate—to deserve detailed refutation. But it has regrettably led to self-hatred among too many people born white but trying to be politically correct. Its nearest parallel is the hateful stereotype common in some lesbian feminist separatist groups, libeling *all* males (gay or straight) as rapists or would-be rapists, and trashing bisexual women, or even lesbians with gay male friends, for "consorting with the enemy."

Asking me to take responsibility for white racism, for attitudes I loathed and denounced even as a teenager (in school, the Air Force, VA hospitals), is like asking gays to be responsible for straight homophobia. (I say this as someone who has been out of the closet for nearly 40 years—since the earliest days of *One Magazine* and the New York Mattachine Society—and persecuted for it.)

In summary: Wouldn't it be more realistic to define racism as *any* ethnic, oppressive attitudes, no matter by whom or against which ethnic stock? That would correctly identify anti-Semitism as racism, whether by white gentiles or minorities; and better still, it would make more exact the parallelism between racism and sexism, ageism and homophobia: the Big Four of Prejudice. After all, none of these are American inventions, nor restricted to dominant groups.

Walter Breen
Berkeley

Ingravallo Ingrates

This letter is to the queer community that prides itself on its alternative lifestyle, artistic freedom and a newly recognized position of cultural supremacy. Where were you?!

Diviana Ingravallo, a popular and important entertainer, brought her politically challenging and revealing show to San Francisco and was met with a very low audience turn-out. How could a nationally acclaimed performer end up playing to such thin audiences? Certainly not for lack of marketing on the part of Theatre Rhinoceros. Surely, if you were out during her three-week run you witnessed her tireless efforts passing out flyers for her show.

This talented woman offered us all an opportunity to learn about a lifestyle that most of us have been taught is degrading. For her to have embraced what we fear and to present it to us from an enlightened insider's point of view, is not something we often get to see. *Naked Women* was one of the most empowering, while delightfully irreverent, performances I've paid $12 to see in quite some time.

If you're not familiar with Diviana, she's one of the major causes of Jesse Helms' recent heart attack (yes, Virginia, there is such a thing as kristmas; it's call karma). Her work developed from the ashes of go-go dancing and stripping in Manhattan, transforming her into the flaming siren of self-possession she is with her audiences. She's been working for years to transform her experiences from the trenches of patriarchy in the sex industry into the interpretations most feminist-wielding politicos would rather shun than deign germane enough to listen to.

Is that the reason her shows were far from sold out? If so, the question becomes: Isn't it important to incorporate differences and learn from them? As Diviana recently lamented, "The gay community is so ready to scream for Jodie Foster and other big stars to come out, but they don't even support one of their own who's already out and here performing for them."

She's right. Let's not get sucked into the cultural association of holding up media stars who are doing well enough on their own. The next time we are offered an exposure to a voice that is one of our own but different from ours, let's support diversity and listen. We might learn something. And thus, being among the culturally aware, continue to be so.

Mimi Freed
San Francisco

Respect Lesbian-Born Women

As a long-term MTF (male-to-female transsexual), I feel I can contribute a voice not yet heard in the "women's space" argument. While I clearly have my own struggle for acceptance, I feel that the chronic disrespect for lesbian-born women shown by transsexuals is appalling and, unfortunately, typically male.

The lesbian community has had its ass on the line for 20-plus years, has made much possible for all of us, and deserves to be honored for its accomplishments. It reeks of male entitlement for MTFs to assume a ringside seat in a struggle we are

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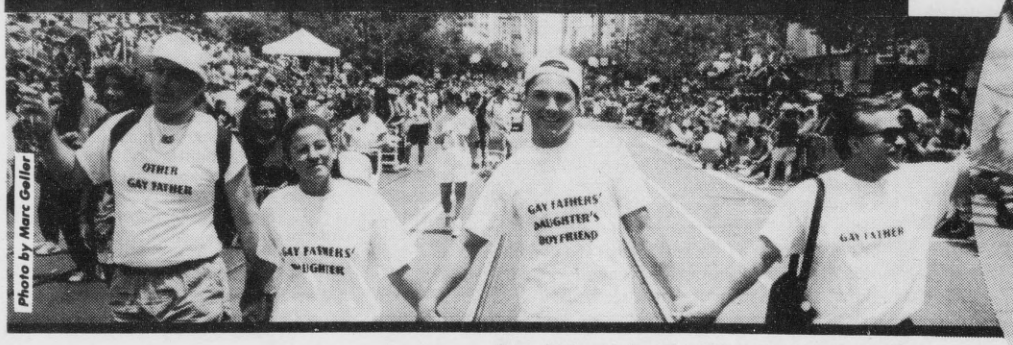

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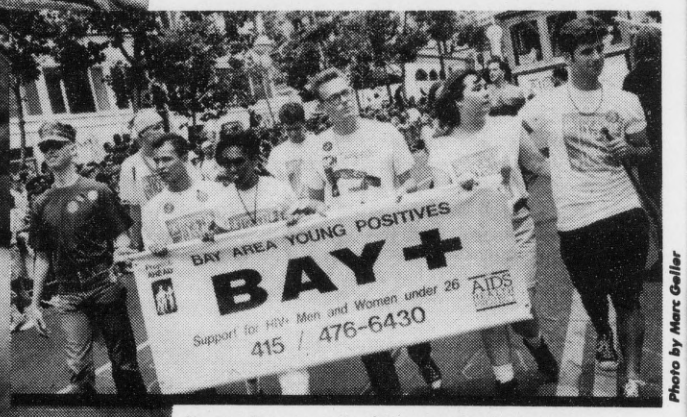

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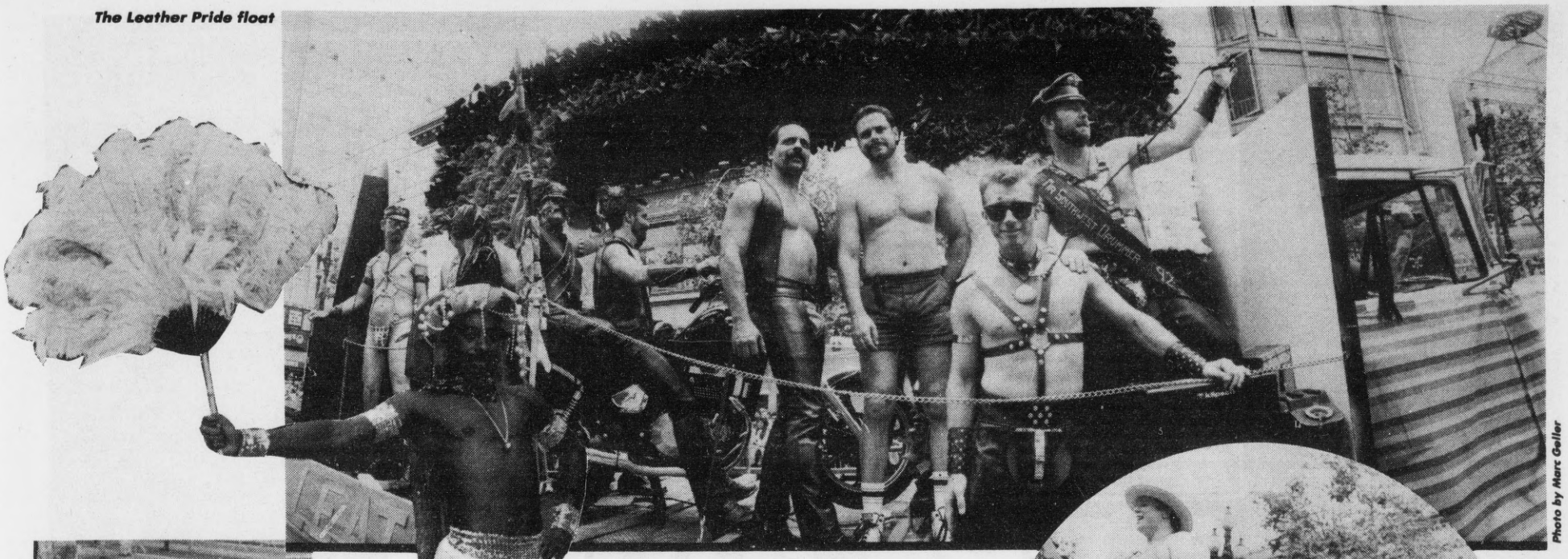

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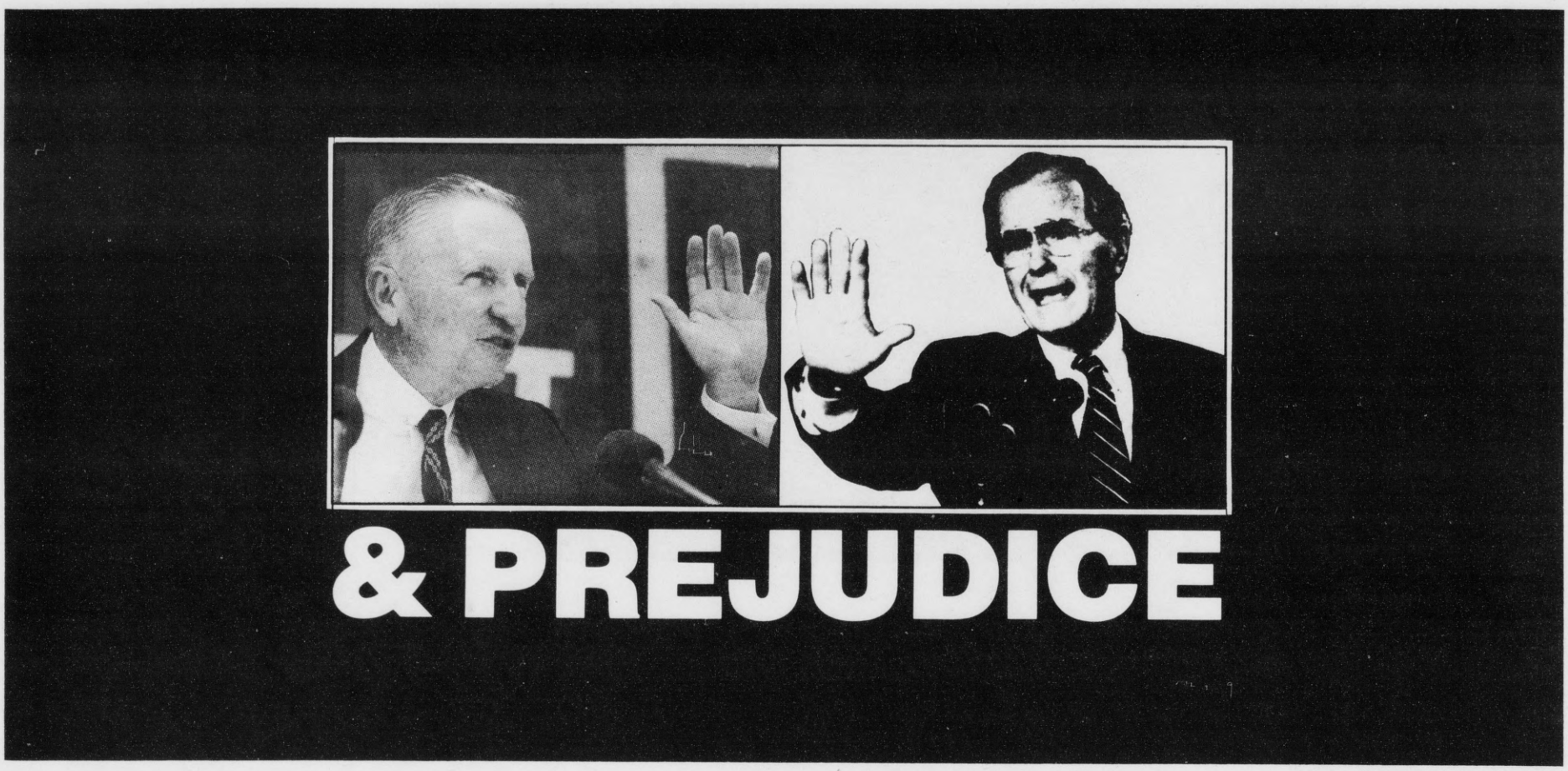

write stuff by dave ford

I, Too, Had a Dream...

Last night I dreamt I was at a lesbian/gay film and video festival. I knew that a video outing a famous rock band would show, but festival officials were extremely nervous about the band's identity spilling before the video's premiere. I felt trapped, stifled: I couldn't say anything about the queer rockers—even though I knew who they were.

Later in the dream, I was 15. I was at summer camp and wanted a boy named Ira. I made a veiled pass, which he rejected. Word got around that I was "queer" (in the old sense). A counselor named Ed, a fair and sober man, pulled me aside. "It doesn't matter that you're like that, nor does it matter what you want to do," he said. "Just don't do it while you're here."

I woke this morning to a country in which my people are being vilified by presidential aspirants clawing their way to the White House. Vice President Dan Quayle, taking a hard line to shore up the administration's sagging reelection campaign, told a conference of Southern Baptists late last month that "the cultural elite... seem to think... that fathers are dispensable and that parents need not be married or even of the opposite sexes. They are wrong." H. Ross Perot, the undeclared independent, said recently that he wouldn't appoint lesbians and gays to high administration positions, and that the notion of gays and lesbians in the military is not "realistic." George Bush told the *New York Times* last week that gays and lesbians are not "normal."

I woke this morning to friends who have been mugged and gaybashed. No, not just one or two friends: handfuls. They tell of being thrown against parked cars and held at knife-point for money, of daily violence on Muni, of epithets against their sexuality and threats against their person. Queers walk in San Francisco—even in the Castro—at their own peril.

I woke this morning after a week spent viewing parts of the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. The emerging subtext of the week: gay/lesbian victimization. The message was clear: lesbian and gay African Americans face divisive racism at the hands of the white majority *and* of the African American and gay/lesbian communities; gay teens are subject to violence, isolation and ridicule, to the point where suicide is the sole "reasonable" response; queer imagery in pop music videos has to be coded to exist at all, so as not to offend straight sensibilities; gay men lie to and manipulate sexual partners about intimacy and AIDS, due to their own homophobia; and on and on.

I woke this morning—angry.

OVER AND OUT, A FUSE THAT'S SHORT

I woke this morning to the obvious realization that queers are under siege—again.

And I don't like it.

I've done nothing wrong by being gay. In fact, I've done everything right: I've stayed true to my sex and sexuality, and have done my goddamndest to rise above the homophobia and racism I internalized as a part of my societal-cultural training. Being an outsider is exciting, sure: I like the fact that sucking cock, in addition to being fun, is a political act. But I am *over* this society's increasing marginalization of me and my ilk. My fuse is getting *short*, and it's not going to be pretty when I blow.

The film festival allowed our voices a platform, and validated our sense of victimization. Which is fine: each of us has been, or is being, bullied by forces stronger and larger and bigger than we are. It's powerful to see that onscreen; it helps each of us understand that we're not individually crazy, that victimization is a *collective* experience. But that subtext will kill us, individually and collectively, if we don't use it as an agent of change, a spur for action.

We should be seeing our stories on big screens *52 weeks a year*. I am *over* Hollywood's homophobia and fear and trepidation. I'm tired of corporations and entertainment conglomerates hewing to a bottom line at the expense of *my* story. And as of now, *my* story is *not* one of victimization; I refuse to be under siege. It is the powers that be that will be under siege. I am coming at them with pipe bombs and guns and poison darts, as part of an army of queers fed up with the brutality we endure every day.

DIVIDING, CONQUERING: AN ADMINISTRATION PLAYS

The presidential campaign perfectly exemplifies the way queers are expendable to politicians pursuing *their* bottom line—a place in the White House.

The current administration, believe it or not, is positioning VP Dan Quayle as the campaign's "pit bull": he can mouth bilious, conservative-friendly wank while Bush continues to (try to) appeal to moderate Republicans deserting ship for Perot. And though Quayle sabotages all his best efforts at statesmanlike effrontery—for every Murphy Brown speech, there's a misspelling of "potato"—his rhetoric, and what it represents *vis.* the campaign, is frightening. It's pushing Perot rightward on social issues, and forcing the Democrats to quash outright support of lesbian and gay parents lest they lose moderates either to Perot or to Bush.

The administration cannot use race as a divider this year, as it did in 1988 with the infamous Willie Horton commercials. In the wake of the Rodney King riots—responding to which, Bush looked foolishly rudderless—the issue's too charged. Furthermore, the press—for all its self-sabotaging dopiness—has a long memory: just as they have persistently rekindled Bush's 1988 "no new taxes" pledge (on which the prez inevitably reneged last spring), the media regularly exhume Willie Horton's ghost. Given these conditions, the Bush administration will only address race in code, as an issue of "law and order" or "traditional family values."

So the adminstration needs a new scapegoat. And given the tone set by then-presidential contender Patrick Buchanan last spring, when he used decontextualized images from Marlon Riggs's *Tongues Untied* to scare conservatives into reviling Bush's National Endowment for the Arts policies, it makes perfect sense that the adminstration sees queers as ripe for the bashing.

It perhaps unwittingly laid the groundwork for polarizing queers last year, when the "political correctness" debate raged. The issue started as a dialogue of the left, including in queer circles, about how language affects the way we perceive the world and each other. As far as it went, it was a reasonable debate. Then Bush and Co. jumped in, decrying the "fascism" of a putative politically correct army raging in the land, stifling free speech and threatening good folk everywhere. It was, of course, simultaneously a ridiculous notion and a perfect tactic: it played on mainstream America's fears of a radical fringe storming the white picket fence—and turned leftists (and queers) one against the other.

In a parallel move, Bush repeatedly blasted ACT UP last year. When the direct action group demonstrated in Kennebunkport, Me., Bush's vacation town, the president said he felt sorry for small businesses shut down by the protest (sending the message that the interests of commerce outweigh those of people with AIDS). And in the wake of Magic Johnson's HIV announcement last fall, Bush expressed chagrin that his administration hadn't done enough about AIDS, but again attacked ACT UP. He's having it both ways: trying to show "compassion" for people with AIDS, while assuring mainstream Americans that, like them, he *loathes* the most visible, and the original, PWAs: junkies and fags.

Now, bleating the administration's conservative line, Dan Quayle is rhetorically demonizing queers and queer parents, intimating they don't reflect "traditional family values." If Quayle means that lesbian and gay parents don't reflect the "traditional" American family values of alcoholism, incest, physical brutality, neglect, divorce, hypocrisy and self-loathing, then he's right. I don't *want* to be part of a traditional family: I was once, and it was a joke. Gays and lesbians have *always* been under siege; we either drink, drug and fuck ourselves to death over it, or we rise above violence and break the chain of abuse. By virtue of our journey through—and past—society's abuse, lesbians and gays offer, as parents, the potential for an environment far more lovingly nurturing than that offered in "traditional" families.

But Quayle will never recognize that, or speak about it. The administration needs to fan American fears of The Other, to paint a country so lawless that only the status quo—the same administration, the same president—will be able to patch it back together again. Again, it's a classic tactic; this time, queers are at the receiving end of the vilification.

PEROT: A FIRM HANDSHAKE, A DISLIKE OF QUEERS

H. Ross Perot, the Great Blank Hope of the

campaign, is beginning to show cracks, though they may mean nothing to an electorate desperate for change and desperately frightened of the bobbing, weaving shadows in the corner of the room—shadows of a recession, depression, increasing violence, a country apparently out of control.

Perot has heretofore surfed the swell of voter disaffection, supported by volunteers willing to agitate for change. Certainly gays and lesbians comprised a good portion of those ranks. But Perot boldly insulted queer supporters when he told Barbara Walters a few weeks ago that he wouldn't appoint a queer to high office, because it "will be a point of controversy with the American people... [and] will distract from the work to be done."

Perot-supportive queers argue that he has a point, and point out that he added that "as far as I'm concerned, what people do in their private lives is their business." What they miss is that the administration sets a tone for the country—including for businesses large and small. Perot's argument is the same that's been used by business for years to keep queers out: "We don't care what they do; we just don't want them *here*, because the *other* employees might freak out—and we have a business to run. Sorry." It's the same argument that's used to exclude gay and lesbian teachers and military personnel. It's an argument that ensures that gays and lesbians in high office—*anywhere*—will *continue* to be "a point of controversy." That won't change until an administration sparks dialogue around *why* it causes controversy, and insists it *needn't* do so. Apparently, Perot's won't be the administration to do that.

Furthermore, the June 29 *Time* reports that "Perot's recent declaration that as president he would not put a known homosexual or adulterer into the Cabinet was no surprise to those who know him; he followed the same hiring practices at EDS [Electronic Data Systems, the computer company Perot founded in June, 1962, and ran until 1968]." A former employee says she knew of instructions to recruiters not to hire anyone with a weak handshake because he might be a homosexual... Says a Houston oilman who knows Perot: "One of the scariest things about Ross is his tendency to exclude everybody who doesn't look or think like him."

Only Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton has spoken directly to gays and lesbians, offering a comprehensive lesbian/gay plan to a queer Hollywood audience in May. Clinton promised to increase funding for new initiatives in HIV research, prevention and treatment; promote AIDS-related legislation based not on "panic, politics or prejudice"; invite an HIV-positive person to speak at this summer's Democratic National Convention; appoint an "AIDS Czar" and task force to coordinate a "federal Manhattan Project" in the war against AIDS; make AIDS education and condom availability a priority in America's schools; and sign an executive order banning discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military. He also accused the Reagan and Bush administrations of being "curiously silent" about AIDS: "This administration is ignoring its own research."

My fuse is getting short, and it's not going to be pretty when I blow.

WHO'S THE ROSS?

It's been both encouraging and depressing to watch the press prick the Perot bubble. As the so-called Fourth Estate, the media's job is to serve as an objective source of information for the public—an almost laughable conceit today, given the proliferation of cash-for-info sourcing and tabloid print and television journalism. Handicapped by a lapdog pack mentality, the press these days generally cowers like a kicked puppy, forgoing its mandate to investigate, dig and report.

But occasionally it rises up from its stupor and jumps on a story. Such is the case with Perot. After treating the tiny Texas tycoon first like a cute little distraction, then like the Second Coming, the press is finally buckling down and reporting the truth: a billionaire doesn't get that way without fucking people over. (For an exemplary read, dig up Michael Tomasky's May 26 "The Perils of Perot" *Village Voice* cover: facts he reported first appeared in *Time* and *The New York Times* two weeks later. And kudos to KPIX's Hank Plante for his hard-hitting four-part Perot report last week.) News weeklies and monthlies are suddenly rife with Perot info, none of it good.

Problem is, it might be too little too late. Space considerations prevent me from detailing Perot dangers, save that he's a master press manipulator. By circumventing normal media channels—and talking directly to "the people," for whom he persistently claims he's campaigning—and, simultaneously, by characterizing the press as "a bunch of blowdried anchormen," Perot is feeding the public's disgust with *all* institutions, including the media. In other words, he's turning people against the very place where they'll get information about *him*. The press is doing a masterful job of digging up Perot's past, but it may not be enough to crack the denial of Perot-heads who *just want someone* in the White House who's not Bush, who's not Clinton, and who's not connected with the political circuit (even though, in reality, Perot's had his fingers in political pies his whole career).

NOTE THE SMOKE

Through it all, queers suffer. And I am *tired* of suffering. This *has* to end. It is *not* acceptable that Perot will not have us in high office. It is *not* acceptable for George Bush to say queers aren't "normal." It is *not* acceptable for this administration to ignore the AIDS crisis. It is *not* acceptable for Dan Quayle to assert that lesbian and gay parents don't show "family values." It is *not* acceptable for Hollywood to waffle fearfully about showing gay lives because it's afraid of losing mainstream audience bucks. It is *not* acceptable for the Democrats to silence gay and lesbian concerns for fear of losing votes.

Independence Day is upon us this weekend. As the paramilitary exercise in macho jingoism explodes around me—firecrackers popping, bottle rockets whizzing—I'm going to be dreaming again, this time of a rocket's red glare, bombs bursting in air...target: White House; target: Hollywood; target: You Know Who You Are.

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PWAs Battle *health care* Giant Over Planned *hiv* Centers

BY TIM KINGSTON

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John Iverson, founder of the Qual-Med HIV/AIDS patients' union.

The battle cry of patients' rights vs. corporate profits is rising over the Bay Area once more. This time ACT UP/East Bay is going after Qual-Med Inc., a rapidly growing health maintenance organization (HMO) based in Colorado. Qual-Med is the second largest health provider in the Bay Area, with 150,000 subscribers, and this year it plans to open two specialized "centers for excellence" (CFE) in San Francisco and the East Bay to treat people with HIV. The company says the new centers will save money by concentrating services in a few key locations that will be staffed by top-ranked AIDS physicians.

Activists charge the new centers will save money by limiting access to state-of-the-art treatments for PWAs. "Qual-Med has an outrageous history of discriminatory treatment against people with HIV. It seems clear that the standard of care will drop significantly," says Irwin Keller of ACT UP/SF. Critics say the planned centers will enforce a policy of refusing to pay for off-label uses of AIDS therapies not directly sanctioned by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), while at the same time centralizing bookkeeping processes that will lead to restrictions on needed hospital care.

"They have not said what the 'centers for excellence' would entail. There is fear [they] would mean a loss of choice of primary care physician and a loss of choice of hospital," asserts John Iverson, a Qual-Med subscriber, member of ACT UP/East Bay and founder of the Qual-Med HIV/AIDS patients union. Activists also believe the centers will segregate PWAs from the rest of Qual-Med's subscribers by "warehousing" people with AIDS.

Iverson is concerned that the centers will not have sufficient medical staffing and that those physicians will be tightly controlled by Qual-Med's bottom line. He suspects there will be "less aggressive treatments and [the center will be] much less likely to prescribe expensive drugs."

If that sounds paranoid, critics say they have good reason to be suspicious. Activists and physicians contacted by *SF Bay Times* assert that Qual-Med has an abysmal reputation among AIDS physicians, both currently and in Qual-Med's previous incarnation as the HEALS Health Plan. (HEALS was purchased by Qual-Med in late 1991.) Dr. Carole Brosgart, a Qual-Med doctor in the East Bay, with several hundred PWAs on her rolls, did not return several *SF Bay Times* calls for comment on her view of Qual-Med HIV patient care.

Iverson is currently suing Qual-Med for refusing to renew his prescription for Sandostatin, a drug used to treat CMV-related diarrhea. Iverson contends that the drug is the standard treatment used by AIDS physicians in the Bay Area. But Qual-Med argues that Iverson's prescription is nowhere near what is considered standard, and that the company has a policy of not paying for off-label usage of drugs. Iverson suspects the primary reason his drug supply was cut off is the price of Sandostatin: $100 per 30 tablets. "I can't tell you how stunned and awful I felt when they would not renew the prescription [this April]. My immediate thought was that they are trying to kill me."

Meanwhile, James Casey, another Qual-Med subscriber, is considering suing Qual-Med for both harassment and an unwillingness to pay for therapies to treat HIV-related opportunistic infections. He alleges that Qual-Med has consistently questioned his double-barreled prescription for aerosol and IV pentamidine prophylaxis, ordered by his physician to keep persistent and virulent bouts of PCP at bay. In addition, Casey says that Qual-Med refused to approve AZT/ddI combination therapy, saying Casey could only take one at a time because the FDA has not approved combination therapy. Casey also charges that delays in approval for a drug to treat oral thrush exacerbated the infection, making treatment last substantially longer than if the drug had been available immediately.

"I have spent the last six months screaming and threatening QualMed/HEALS. I am over it. I have retained an attorney," asserts Casey. "It seems the sicker I get, the more problems I get [with Qual-Med], not less." (According to Tim Halloran, Casey's prospective attorney, he and Casey have only spoken once on the telephone and are planning to meet in early July.)

According to activists, Qual-Med is considering two sites for the CFEs: California Presbyterian Medical Center (CPMC) in San Francisco and Summit Medical Center in Oakland, which is currently embroiled in a heated labor dispute. Dr. Stanley Padilla, Qual-Med California's medical director, acknowledges the company is planning one center in San Francisco and one in Oakland, but he stresses that no definite choice of location has yet been made.

LOCAL RESPONSES

The concerns raised by ACT UP have prompted a slew of letters to Qual-Med from local government agencies and public sector unions, warning Qual-Med not to segregate PWAs or provide them with inferior service. They are also asking for clarification of Qual-Med's policies on HIV treatment. Both the agencies and the unions have a vested interest in what goes on in the centers: they have sizable contracts with Qual-Med, involving many thousands of employees and their dependents who are also insured by Qual-Med.

Some critics are suggesting more than just writing letters. "I would not be reluctant to press people not to subscribe to Qual-Med," says Fred Ferguson, a member of the Alameda County AIDS Advisory Board and the Alameda County African American AIDS Coalition. "I would also be less than hesitant about asking the state for an investigation to see if Qual-Med is violating state laws; also, is Qual-Med discriminating against those with AIDS vs. other illnesses?"

On July 1 the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) sent a letter to the San Francisco Health Services Board requesting an investigation into the allegations against Qual-Med. The HRC letter cited allegations that HIV treatments were withdrawn from Qual-Med subscribers, and voiced the concern that having only two CFEs would limit PWAs' geographic access to care.

Other local government entities and officials have also confronted Qual-Med in the past few weeks. On April 30, Berkeley City council member Maudelle Shirek drafted a letter dealing with Iverson's allegations and asking Qual-Med for an explanation. On June 15 the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3211 sent a letter warning Qual-Med not to remove Qual-Med subscribers' choice of physicians, one of the primary attractions of HEALS before it was bought out by Qual-Med. On June 16, the Berkeley City Council also drafted a letter to Qual-Med warning the company not to segregate PWAs from the rest of the company's subscribers.

> "QUAL-MED HAS AN OUTRAGEOUS HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT AGAINST PEOPLE WITH HIV."

Fran Jefferson of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 616 is currently negotiating to get the Oakland Board of Supervisors to endorse a resolution requesting that Qual-Med meet with community groups such as Project Inform, the African American AIDS Coalition and the Alameda County AIDS Advisory Board. Neither Jefferson nor Shirek have received any reply from Qual-Med. On June 30, Craig Alderson of AFSCME Local 3211 confirmed he had received a letter of reply from Qual-Med.

Yet Dr. Padilla, Qual-Med's medical director, asserts that he is "positive" Qual-Med has responded to all the letters. He says Qual-Med is ready and willing to meet with any individuals or groups that are upset with the company. Dr. Padilla also claims that Qual-Med has already discussed the issue with the San Francisco Health Services board. "We can be available," he says, "but we have not had specific requests to meet with anyone else."

Claire Zvanski, president of the San Francisco Health Services System Board, says, "In their presentation to the board Qual-Med has assured us they would not deny any HIV-positive clients access to primary care physicians. Whether they do that remains to be seen."

EXCELLENT CENTERS, SAY QUAL-MED

Dr. Padilla emphatically denies that the planned centers for excellence are merely strategies to contain costs at the expense of care. He argues the centers of excellence are Qual-Med's "attempt to improve the quality of care for persons with HIV-related conditions," and adds, "If you provide quality of care and quality of service, [then] cost containment is an outcome."

Dr. Padilla says that CFEs typically are sites where a number of experts in a particular field pool their resources to the benefit of patients. He says that Qual-Med physicians are already using the "centers-for-excellence" concept to treat cardiovascular and cancer patients at UCSF and Stanford.

Although Dr. Padilla declined to directly discuss Iverson's case, citing the pending legal action, he argued that the actions taken in Casey's situation were justified under Qual-Med contracts.

Furthermore, contrary to fears that the centers will force PWAs away from their primary care provider, Dr. Padilla argues that the centers will provide both primary and supplemental care for people with AIDS. He also says that patients will be able to utilize specialists at the centers, without losing access to their own physician: "In the preliminary data, all the individuals in the care centers are willing to work with [the] primary care provider to ensure that [patients] get high-quality care. The 'centers for excellence' do not mean that the patients have to stop primary care."

As far as providing aggressive front-line anti-AIDS therapies, Dr. Padilla was less reassuring. He asserts that Qual-Med will only supply AIDS and anti-opportunistic infection therapies that are approved by the FDA, but not those used in an off-label use context: "When a medicine is used for off-label use, it generally falls into a realm that is described as investigational or experimental."

Thus, even if a drug is FDA-approved, Qual-Med will not pay for it if it prescribed for an off-label use. Such is the case with both Iverson and Casey. This limiting Qual-Med regulation will also rigidly prohibit the use of Clarithromycin and any other commonly proscribed but officially unapproved therapy used to treat MAC/MAI. Why? Because the FDA has not approved any drug for treating MAC/MAI yet, says Irwin Keller of ACT UP/SF.

The irony, and what activists would call the hypocrisy, of Qual-Med's position, is that the company *will* pay for the off-label use of bactrum and septra, both widely used therapies to treat pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). Bactrum and septra are among the cheapest therapies available, unlike the more expensive ddI, Sandostatin or any of the as yet unapproved MAI/MAC therapies. Iverson charges, "They will gladly pay for bactrum...instead of the only approved treatment, aerosol pentamidine. If it is cheaper they will pay for it. And if it is more expensive they will not. It is purely done by cost."

In response to such charges, Dr. Padilla says the use of bactrum and septra is pervasive. He asserts both drugs are prescribed for everything from bacterial infections to bronchitis. "It is very different from Sandostatin... [Sandostatin] has very different indications; [it] is not being used with the frequency of Septra. It is two different situations altogether."

The issue goes beyond cost, says Iverson.

"With AIDS-related opportunistic infections, there seems to be new exotic treatments all the time, and there really are not any [FDA-approved] open-label treatments. Most doctors are going [with] off-label treatments that are standard among AIDS practitioners."

Dr. Lennie Simpson, chief of the Social Policy Action Committee of the Community Consortium, says he is disturbed by the various allegations against Qual-Med, and is trying to organize a meeting with the company in early August. "Much of the innovative life-extending treatment that is present in the Bay Area is the result of a number of physicians coming together and forming a consensus about what is the best treatment for HIV complications." He says, "We don't know if the medical directors at Qual-Med/HEALS are committed to finding out what the consensus is in the Bay Area and following some of those trends."

WHY NOW?

The impetus for the CFE plan, says Dr. Padilla, came from a pressing combination of factors: Qual-Med physicians complaining of burn-out, an inability to fully treat PWAs, and a realization of the tremendous spectrum of care, from inadequate to excellent, available to PWAs by Qual-Med physicians. "We started looking at [CFEs] as a release valve," says Dr. Padilla.

In May of this year, Qual-Med began investigating the possibility of setting up HIV centers in the Bay Area and, according to Dr. Padilla, Qual-Med is still at "an information and data-gathering point." Dr. Padilla expects the centers will be in place by the end of the year. He admits that the CFEs were supposed to be up and running much earlier, but have been hampered by delays in gathering data.

Qual-Med approached Dr. Paul Volberding and Dr. Merle Sandie at SF General Hospital for advice on treating HIV patients, says Dr. Padilla, and then began canvassing local AIDS treatment centers, such as SF General Hospital, the Alta Bates HIV clinic, CPMC and Summit. Qual-Med wanted information on outpatient care, inpatient care, nutrition, social workers, what providers' networks they used, what the capacity of the centers is and how long the projected waiting lists are.

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS?

Dr. Padilla asserts that HIV care is an area ripe for cost containment. "We have seen tremendous waste of resources around HIV care because much of the care was disorganized, repetitive and duplicative. That causes a great deal of distress in patients. Our belief is that the high level of care in the 'center for excellence,' through the very nature of providing high quality care, would be cost-effective."

Industry analysts say that the concept of CFEs is neither inherently good nor evil—the important question is how the programs are implemented. "Sometimes there is a benefit, very often there is not. But it saves the payor [i.e., Qual-Med] some money," says E. Richard Brown, professor of public health at the UCLA school of public health.

Michael Pollard, an attorney with Micheals & Wishner, a health law firm in Washington, D.C., says CFEs give an HMO more cost control over the physicians providing the care while maintaining strict quality standards. But he warns, "If there are a limited number of centers and access is not convenient, it may create a barrier to care."

Brown also says that too often money, not patient care, becomes the driving force of managed care. "Therein lies the rub: It is frequently used in ways that jump into the middle of doctor/patient relationships and, basically, comes up against a physician's clinical autonomy."

DOLLARS VS. CARE

Skeptical critics question Qual-Med's commitment to excellence. Dr. Robert Scott, a physician in Oakland with a large AIDS practice, refuses to deal with Qual-Med, saying their relations with physicians, as well as their reimbursement rate and speed of claims processing, are terrible. Dr. Jeremy Berg, an AIDS physician in San Francisco, says he left HEALS just before it was taken over by Qual-Med, because of their reluctance to aggressively treat very ill PWAs. While that was before Qual-Med was in charge, Iverson and Casey's complaints may indicate a continuing problem.

Casey charges that he was asked by Qual-Med representatives, "Do you know how much we have spent on you?" when trying to get drug prescriptions. He also says that he was told, "We don't pay you to shop around" when he was trying to find an HIV specialist to treat him. Dr. Padilla says he is not aware of Casey's accusations, but he says that any Qual-Med employee who spoke to a subscriber in the way Casey alleges does not belong in the organization.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Summit Medical strikers march in the gay parade.

Mike Alcalay, a member of the Alameda County AIDS Advisory Board, says the same situation happened with Kaiser Permanente a few years ago. Due to accusations of inferior treatment of PWAs by Kaiser, patients banded together and formed KPAU, the Kaiser Patient Advocacy Union. After picketing, marching and pressuring the HMO, the treatment of PWAs at Kaiser markedly improved.

But Alcalay also fears that the allegations against Qual-Med are symptomatic of what is happening to PWAs around the country. "Health care in this country is a profit-making industry, and AIDS is costly. Eventually, I see all HIV-positive people being forced onto the public welfare system." Alcalay adds, "This will be an ongoing struggle until we get national health care in this country. The corporate structures will do everything not to treat PWAs with what is considered the standard mode of care in San Francisco, because the standard of care is very high in San Francisco."

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The Supreme Court Rules on Abortion: United We Stand?

By Val C. Phoenix

The Supreme Court's decision in Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey sent a chill throughout the pro-choice movement across the country, but also blunted the edge of the outcry with an equivocal reading of a woman's right to choose.

In the wake of the Court's decision to uphold restrictions on abortion, while also barely affirming the central holding of Roe v. Wade, the competing responses by pro-choice advocates may signal a deep division in the movement that threatens the possibility of a unified response.

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Disgruntled pro-choice demonstrators stand in the rain to voice their anger over the Supreme Court decision that significantly undermined Roe v. Wade.

THE DECISION

The court's decision indicated some muddled thinking on its part that left people unsure as to whether abortion was still a right. Technically, it is, since the court upheld Roe, 5 to 4. Yet, the court also upheld restrictions included in Pennsylvania's law, including parental consent, a 24-hour waiting period and "informed consent." The one restriction the court struck down was spousal notification.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Margaret Crosby explains, "In this decision, the court reaffirms the principles of Roe v. Wade, but it's a revisionist Roe. The reality is that the decision seriously undermines the constitutional protection of Roe. The ruling gives the states more authority to restrict access to abortion."

The National Right to Life Committee condemned the decision to uphold Roe, but applauded the court's okay of the "informed consent" provision of the law, saying, "We are glad the Supreme Court has upheld a woman's right to know information about abortion and alternatives about abortion."

Alison Gude of Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR) says flatly, "Roe is dead." The restrictions, say pro-choice advocates, severely limit women's access to abortion, making the upholding of Roe meaningless.

Crosby says, "The court is not yet willing to allow the states to ban abortion. It is willing to allow the government to discourage women from choosing abortion and to place legal obstacles [in] the path, so that the most vulnerable women—those who are poor and young—will be denied meaningful reproductive freedom, while privileged women—those who are affluent and educated—will have access to safe and legal abortions."

Says Belle Taylor-McGee of Planned Parenthood-SF/Alameda, "Now, basically you have confusion, a patchwork of laws. In some states, you have access to safe, legal abortion. In others, not." California's protections for abortions are not dependent on the Roe ruling, but are built in the right-to-privacy clause of the state constitution. Because of this and because of a perceived pro-choice majority in the state, California is regarded as one of the safest states for preserving abortion rights.

However, Jamienne Studley of the California Abortion Rights Action League cautions pro-choice Californians not to be complacent, saying the decision "is a vivid reminder that our fundamental rights are vulnerable to an anti-choice Attorney General, an untested state Supreme Court, a slim pro-choice legislative majority, and the ceaseless efforts of the anti-choice forces." Moreover, redistricting adds an uncertain element to the composition of the state's elective offices.

For the lesbian and gay community, the decision is notable not only because lesbians are in the forefront of the abortion rights struggle, but also because the decision cedes some authority to the states over private behavior. As the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force notes, "The rights called into question...affect the right to privacy... the right to control one's sexuality and to express one's sexual orientation, [and] the right to be free from increased state intrusion into our private and most intimate lives."

On the other hand, Steve Cook, a bisexual man affiliated with the San Jose Pro-Life Council, says, "All lesbian/gay rights, all privacy rights, all civil rights, and all human rights are dependent upon th[e] basic right to live. The decision did not go far enough in protecting the innocent human life of the unborn child."

SF RESPONSE: DISSENSION IN THE RANKS?

When the decision was handed down Monday, June 29, pro-choice forces in San Francisco called two different press conferences. Though both groups criticized the ruling, they articulated sharply divergent politics. One conference featured some of the major players in the court case, such as Planned Parenthood, NOW, ACLU, and the California Abortion Rights Action League, which belong to the Pro-choice Coalition. They presented a message of disappointment and a remedy of electing pro-choice politicians and passing pro-choice legislation.

At the other conference, under the auspices of the Action Coalition for Women's Rights, members of BACORR, Roots Against War, National Women's Rights Organizing Coalition (NWROC), National Lawyers' Guild, and others spoke out against the ruling as the product of an unjust system, and vowed to protect abortion rights with clinic defense and other direct action, despite the bias of the judicial and legal systems.

Since BACORR and the National Lawyers' Guild have also taken part in the Pro-choice Coalition, it becomes a bit difficult to sort out the political alliances. Kass McMahon of the National Lawyers' Guild criticizes the strategy of forcing the issue with the Supreme Court. "When the mainstream women's organizations threw all the chips in one place, they cut off the only power women have. They created the expectation of the Supreme Court being in control of this decision. What we're saying is [that] the Supreme Court is not in control of the decision."

Toledo of NOW responds that asking the court to rule on Roe was "an attempt to make sure people clearly understand the decision being made." Without a definitive statement that Roe is or is not the law of the land, "it allows the opposition to get away with not providing services and not feeling the implications. We wanted to try not to let them have a double victory: to stop women from accessing services and not feel the political ramifications. If Roe were dead, there would be riots in this country."

By not explicitly overturning Roe, the court avoided sparking just such a political conflagration. So, has the court decision handed the Bush forces a political victory? Says Toledo, "I think it has. The basic tenets have been overturned." And so far, there have been no riots.

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

The crowd of several hundred gathered at Market and Powell for the first post-Casey demonstration, but split into two factions as some moved toward the State Building. Police made a total of 17 arrests on charges of blocking the street.

Toledo says that NOW "called for a very specific type of CD.... Nonviolent would mean here that you couldn't block access to buildings or access to the street." But, she adds, "We're not saying people who got arrested were wrong. There's a lot of room for different strategies."

Four women were also arrested the following morning at the Federal Building, where approximately 200 people took part in the Action Coalition's demo, circling the plaza and chanting.

Speakers called for sustained action in the days following the decision. Actions will be pursued on all fronts, including CD, legislative relief and the ballot booth. Toledo said NOW will be working to pass the Freedom of Choice and Health Equities acts, which are currently in Congress. The two bills would codify the provisions of Roe v. Wade and ensure funding for the necessary care.

The elections loom ahead, as well. The latest presidential poll shows Bush, Clinton and Perot in a three-way tie. McMahon feels the timing and result of the Casey decision are ready-made to help sway the election, which she finds distasteful. "It's completely politically motivated. It banks on victimization."

In California, the two women running for seats in the Senate are expected to reap some gains from the court ruling. In particular, Barbara Boxer, who is strongly pro-choice and is running against anti-choice Bruce Herschensohn, may make some political hay of the decision at her opponent's expense.

Crosby says, "For the pro-choice movement, our task is to get the message out that abortion rights are not secure. Roe has the slenderest majority.... The court does have to clarify the status of abortion law. Roe is the single most important decision on women's autonomy."

In the fall, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case testing abortion restrictions in Guam, which criminalizes abortion. Louisiana and Utah have similar laws. Activists from NWROC and BACORR are traveling to Louisiana the first week of July to take on Operation Rescue, which has targeted clinics in Baton Rouge for a campaign against abortion rights. McMahon says the next step is to organize "as if abortion is no longer legal, to make the government so afraid of what's gonna happen next, they'll provide us with abortion rights and whatever else. We're gonna make 'em pay."

Says Crosby, "Anybody looking to an end of this epic struggle is deluding themselves. It will be with us for the forseeable future. The anti-choice forces are not going away, and the pro-choice forces are not going away either."

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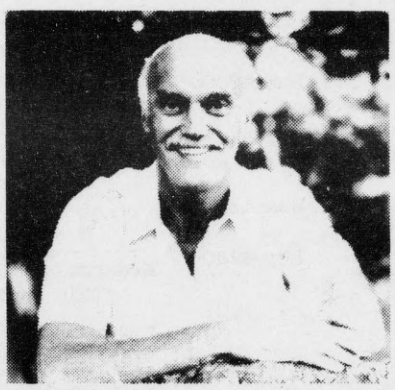

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A Canary In a Mine Shaft: Oregon's Anti-Queer Initiatives

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

The canary in the mine shaft. That's how activist Scot Nakagawa describes Oregon, the state where the extreme right-wing group Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) is trying to amend the state constitution to guarantee that queers never get rights and to nix any existing gay rights measures, such as the one just passed by Portland City Council.

A rural state revered for its cleanliness and its beauty, Oregon is also home to the largest number of hate groups of any state in this nation. Its well-documented hate crimes include regular attacks on people of color, Jews and gays by skinheads and other white supremacists. In the last year alone, reported anti-gay incidents have risen 100 percent, according to statewide stats from the Portland police department.

If that isn't enough, the state is also home to the OCA, whose current initiative campaign against gays, lesbians and bisexuals seeks to nix gay rights laws, pro-gay materials in schools and libraries, and gay-sensitive counseling at high schools.

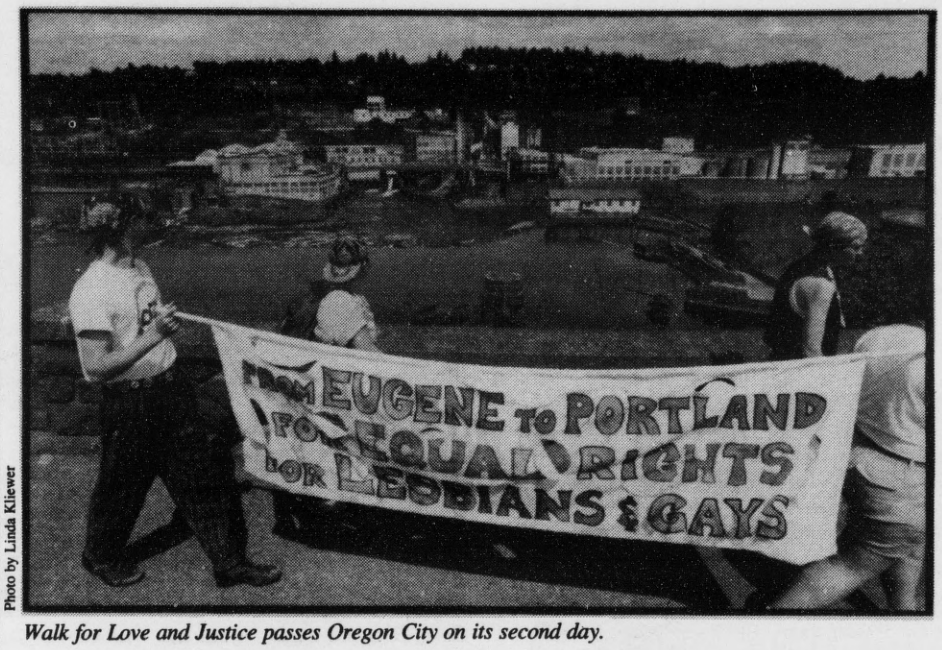
In its wake, the OCA campaign has thus far left one vandalized gay rights office and a break-in at an AIDS daycare center, as well as countless death threats and harassing phone calls to pro-gay volunteers, including a 61-year-old heterosexual woman who runs a progressive religious organization that opposes the OCA. While no one is saying the OCA is responsible for these incidents, activists believe that by its rhetoric and its actions the fundamentalist organization lends credibility to queer-bashing.

But, as scary as things are in Oregon, Nakagawa, who heads an anti-fascist group fighting hate crimes, feels his state is just an indicator of what's brewing all over the USA—the proverbial canary who's placed in the mine shaft to show the presence of toxic fumes, in this case homophobia.

A LITTLE HISTORY

Oregon has a history rich in racism and exclusivity. Established as a whites-only state, its laws barring the immigration of nonwhites were on the books until the late 1880s. Oregon has "the smallest minority population of any state," says Nakagawa. Even today, Portland, the largest metropolitan area, with about half of the population of the state, is comprised of only 10 percent people of color. But Nakagawa, director of the Coalition for Human Dignity, says that this ten percent is "a very visible part of the progressive community" in Portland.

Oregon is a schizophrenic state: it has a reputation for being tolerant and supporting a "rich and active progressive community," according to Nakagawa; on the other hand, the "racism and bigotry in the state is tremendous."



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Walk for Love and Justice passes Oregon City on its second day.

Enter the OCA. Founded in 1987 by a group of far-right conservatives backing a like-minded candidate for Senate, the group put its first initiative on the ballot the following year. Using the phrase "No Special Rights," it rescinded then-Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's executive order barring discrimination against gays and lesbians in government employment.

In 1990 the OCA wasn't successful in passing an anti-choice initiative limiting a woman's right to an abortion. Since that time the OCA has also come out against Oregon divestiture in South Africa, affirmative action and public funding for social programs.

But 1992 seems to be the year of the queer. OCA is attempting, via four initiatives, to declare homosexuality abnormal and thus restrict any gay-positive materials in schools and libraries, obstruct the passage of gay rights laws, and overturn those that currently exist. Two of the three city initiatives failed, and the statewide one may give Oregonians a long hot summer.

THE INITIATIVES

The most immediate danger to gays, lesbians and bisexuals in Oregon is an OCA drive to get a statewide initiative on the November ballot to declare homosexuality—along with S/M, pedophilia, bestiality and necrophilia—"abnormal, unnatural and perverse conduct"; prohibit the state from recognizing "sexual orientation" or "sexual preference"; prohibit state, regional and local governments from promoting, condoning, encouraging or facilitating these "abnormal behaviors"; and, finally, direct the latter agencies to set a "standard for Oregon's youth" affirming that these "behaviors" are abnormal and should be discouraged.

The OCA has until July 3 to produce the required number of signatures to put the initiative on the ballot. It's a toss-up, according to some activists, as to whether the group will succeed. Activist Scott Seibert, however, feels that the group will get the necessary number of signatures.

But the OCA has not always been successful with anti-gay measures. Another initiative, directed at repealing Portland's October 1991 gay rights measure, failed because the OCA did not garner sufficient signatures.

The last two initiatives—both prohibiting local governments from encouraging or promoting homosexuality—were placed on the ballot in Corvallis and Springfield. The one in the liberal college town of Corvallis failed with 73 percent of the voters rejecting it. The one in the more conservative Springfield passed with a little over 50 percent of the electorate approving it. Not a large margin for a town that is, according to some, OCA territory.

In the wake of the Springfield anti-gay victory, businessperson Jesse Maine is proposing a counter initiative that would repeal the OCA directive and put all future anti-discrimination measures passed by City Council before the voters.

The counter initiative is tied up in Circuit Court at present, the work of the OCA, which is trying to invalidate it before volunteers hit the streets for signatures. Supporters must gather 1,928 signatures by July 22 in order to qualify for a November ballot, a task they cannot begin until the Circuit Court rules on the OCA appeal of the counter campaign.

But lesbian activist Jean Marchant, the acting head of the city's Human Relations Commission (HRC), believes the counter initiative has some serious flaws.

SPRINGFIELD INITIATIVE

Springfield has been an ugly battlefield that has left an already economically devastated community in even worse shape. Another divisive initiative drive will certainly not be a shot in the arm to a community desperate for business investment.

Merchant says that property values dropped after the initiative was approved by the citizens of this predominantly white town of some 40,000. She says that national and international attention on Springfield hasn't been positive in terms of its image and its ability to draw business. "People don't want to live in a community that passed this kind of thing," says Marchant.

Being a businessperson, Jesse Maine is well aware of that and is trying to change the situation with what he calls his "compromise" initiative. Maine, who's running for City Council in November, says that an exit poll shows that 75 percent of the people favoring the OCA initiative "voted for it to keep gays from obtaining minority status." Says Maine, "That would give them a leg up. They have the same argument against affirmative action."

"I don't see this as an issue of hate," says Maine. "There's a small amount of people who are hateful, but it's more an issue of economics."

But Merchant feels Maine and his supporters are playing into the hands of the OCA. "I'm not real thrilled with a compromise [initiative] that puts to a majority vote what rights minority group members are going to have," she says.

If Maine's measure gets on the ballot, Marchant doesn't plan to do much work for its passage. "There's not a gay/lesbian/bisexual community in Springfield," she says. "Springfield's a done deal. Whatever happens with the compromise, whether it passes or fails, what we need to deal with is the state measure."

While Maine feels confident he can muster enough support for his initiative should it clear the courts in time to collect the necessary signatures, Marchant is doubtful.

NO LONGER SAFE

Marchant says that she was harassed and even followed during the campaign against the OCA initiative. "Two men joked about raping me," she says. A week after the measure passed, she was in the grocery store when a man and a woman walked by and said, "Fucking queer, we don't want you here," then spit on her.

"The OCA says, 'We don't hate homosexuals, just their lifestyles,' " Marchant says, "but their campaign undeniably has helped foster a climate

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NABWT Convenes And Processes

Analysis by Thom Bean

The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) held their 12th annual convention June 21-28, 1992, in Dallas, Texas. Headquartered in the staid Southland Hotel, the conventioneers were welcomed (in writing) by Gov. Ann Richards and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Luna, who later addressed convention-goers at a black tie banquet. Men of All Colors Together-Dallas (MACT) put a lot of work and planning into a week of workshops, entertainment, and speeches from other heavy-hitters like Mario Solis-Marich, Dr. Marjorie Hill and Mandy Carter.

Each NABWMT convention has special significance to the gay male multiculturalist, because it is a call for community. There is no other national organization which embraces men of color in the same way. NABWMT is like going home for some activists, as well as men not fully out. NABWMT is a "safe space" in which men may celebrate their diversity without detraction and rejection from the larger community. The specter of 200-500 Black and white men together is self-affirming. This year, Dallas hosted approximately 300 men from around the country.

Naively, some suppose that when a man puts his money on the line for an event, a membership, a convention, he is interested in men of another color and/or culture and not prejudiced. Not! BWMTers, depending upon what chapter, are offered ongoing consciousness-raising workshops, manuals (*Resisting Racism*) and ongoing support in confronting and fighting racism.

"The fight to resist the forces of racism is a hard and lonely one. Along the way though, it is possible to encounter kindred spirits who share a vision of the world without the evils of racism and who actively work toward those goals."

—Gerald Mallon

NABWMT has a volunteer board. Its national headquarters is in Chicago. It has no paid staff, but, like many other lesbian and gay organizations, many volunteers who believe in the mission of the organization work to make it happen.

PRO & CON

The Pluses: NABWMT has helped produce many of the national Black gay leaders, set the standard for racial parity in gay organizations, built a community, done pioneering work in AIDS and safe sex education for people of color, recognized and commended excellence in multicultural work done by other organizations and individuals, and consistently fought against all forms of oppression inside and out of the lesbian and gay community—often when other organizations would not. NABWMT has a House of Delegates comprised of representatives from its 32 affiliates in good standing.

The Minuses: A reputation for being sexually libertine; for being more social than political. NABWMT has a burgeoning alumni of ex-members who do not, for whatever reason, pay homage to the group. There are a small but increasing number of chapters which have refused to pay their national dues. As a result, there are chapters which are not in compliance that have not been dealt with and, consequently, there are limited funds. So limited, that the board is sometimes prevented from carrying out its charge. Often, the election to the board is more of a popularity contest than a search for substantive skills and expertise needed.

The name of the organization has been an ongoing source of internal conflict. Some favor Men of All Colors Together. Some favor People of All Colors Together (some chapters have women members). Some favor the name remaining BWMT. However, the name and mission of the organization must remain the same in order to retain

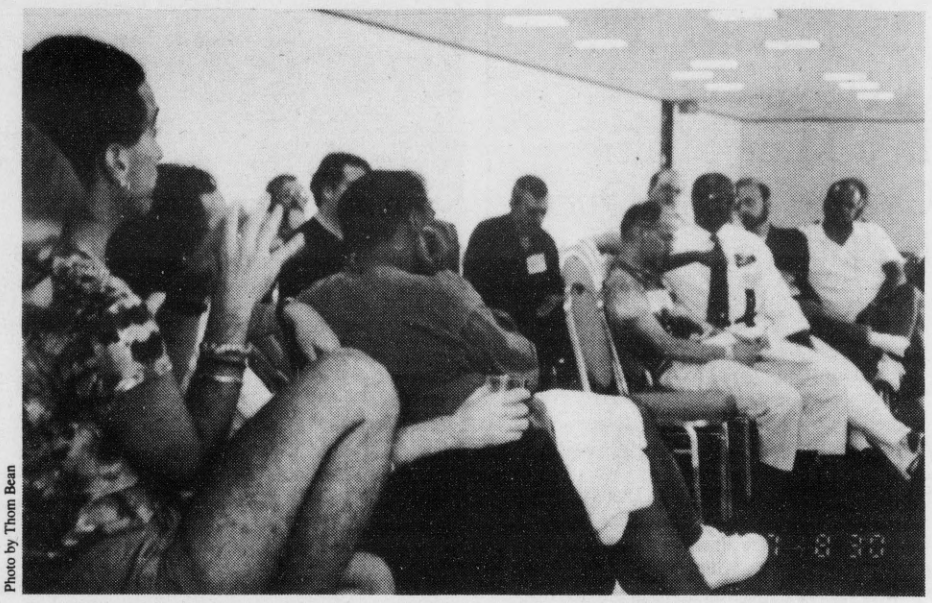

Photo by Thom Bean

David Hausell (at left) facilitating "Training the Trainer" at the NABWMT Conference.

Do the politically correct know how to have a good time? Are they irritable from not getting any? There is a difference between being laughed at by someone outside your group and laughing with someone who is in the same group.

the bequeathment of approximately $370,000 from BWMT's founder, the late Mike Smith. An additional bequeathment was received this year from the estate of the late Tom Horan, an ex-San Franciscan and past national co-chair. Tom's sister, Pat, who presented the check for $50,000, said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your good work. It has been a great comfort to me when our family has been in denial and rejection of the whole man that Tom was, that he had all of you, his other family."

Because NABWMT is a microcosm of the larger society, and does not have the demographic focus other organizations do, there is constant discord. Some members have no political conscience. Some do. Some members are conservative. Some are liberal. Some are relationship-oriented. Some are sexual, only. There are the prerequisite personality conflicts that all organizations have. Each year chapters threaten to secede. Each year the convention is held in some place where the temperature is 95-100 degrees. Each year there is some flap over what is politically correct.

PC-NESS VS. FREEDOM OF SPEECH

This year, the shit hit the fan when Miss Gay Texas, Kornin Hawkins, a.k.a. Amazing Grace, mimicked some stereotypes of Black, Asian and white women in her act. Grace is the kind of Black southern drag queen by whom you do *not* wish to be read. Grace embodies a kind of provincial and cultural humor that one hears from drags who work the streets close to Moorehouse. She exhibits a veneer of Southern refinement, but her humor has a much more coarse side. You know, exemplary of the kind that sell "pussy" and carry razors. It is Southern, Black, and hysterically funny—but definitely not politically correct.

Sometimes the similarities between the politically correct and the moral majority in disposition regarding freedom of speech is astounding! Do the politically correct know how to have a good time? Are they irritable from not getting any? There is a difference between being laughed *at* by someone outside your group and laughing *with* someone who is in the same group. Grace is a BGM whose humor is provincial and largely affected by his culture and class. The performance he gave in Dallas might not fly in other parts of the country, but that night in Dallas he received a standing ovation and was the queen bee.

Also on the politically correct minus list was the mimicking of a character from *In Living Color*. At the NABWMT talent show, resplendent in a blonde wig, humongous breasts and butt padding and pink lipstick, a very dark-complected Black employee of The Village Station did what came close to a contemporary minstrel act. And at The Wave, the Hispanic emcee was overheard referring to a Black judge as "Buckwinna."

Perhaps some self-effacement by Blacks has been used to gain popularity in Dallas, where the prospects for multiculturalism appear to be bleak and the competition for little recognition of other than A-List White Boys is still fierce. Two very hot local talents who entertained during the convention, who did not use race as a catalyst for favor, were singer Rich Affanato at John L's and a female impersonator, Greg Turner, a.k.a. Camille, who knocked this writer's socks off with a slick, well choreographed dance act.

Since MACT-Dallas relied so heavily on the local bars, they deserve a few words: Cedar Springs, the main drag, is like a condensed Castro with cowboy hats, no beggars or homeless, and shops with touristy, pricey do-dads. The bars are more blatantly racist, and though they smiled

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Achtenberg Praises Dems' New Platform

SAN FRANCISCO - After returning from the June 27 meeting of the Democratic Platform Committee in Washington, D.C., Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg announced that the platform is "substantial and complete."

Achtenberg, who served on the 15-member Platform Drafting Committee, says that the platform contains strong language concerning women's health, civil rights, AIDS, childcare, senior citizens, labor, and investment in South Africa. In the area of civil rights, the language includes employment and civil rights protections for gay men and lesbians.

For the first time, says Achtenberg, the platform includes a recognition of homophobia as a serious social ill, along with anti-Semitism and racism.

Meanwhile, the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, advocates for gays/lesbians/bisexuals within the Republican Party, condemned the party's anti-gay planks, passed recently at the state convention. In addition to supporting the Texas sodomy statutes, the planks also describe homosexuality as "a perversion of natural law" and equate homosexual relationships with "necrophilia, pedophilia, bestiality or incest."

Log Cabin members say they were harassed at the convention, called "homos" and "faggots" and threatened with physical violence.

Siempre Con Condon

SAN FRANCISCO - The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, in collaboration with the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO), has launched its national "Siempre con Condon" campaign of AIDS prevention education aimed at the Latino gay and bisexual community.

For the first time, a national risk-reduction program has been adapted to meet the needs of Latino gay and bisexual men by Latino gay and bisexual men. Mario-Solis Marich, co-chair of LLEGO, says that it's wonderful the two groups came together "because we have had such a void from our national Latino/a leadership, despite the fact that gay Latinos are those in the Latino community most heavily impacted by AIDS."

Did We Do That?

SAN FRANCISCO - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is asking queers to write letters to K mart to protest the company's about-face on what appeared to be a gay Father's Day commercial.

In the spot, a man suggests that his "buddy" buy a circular saw for his father "so he can cut wood all summer and use it all winter." The "buddy" says that his father doesn't have a fireplace. The man says, "Well, we do." He wraps his arms about his "buddy" and they walk off together.

According to GLAAD, at first K mart thanked callers praising the commercial. Now they're denying the men are gay. GLAAD urges letters to 3100 West Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084.

Cuts Threaten Women's Studies

SAN FRANCISCO - The women's studies program of San Francisco State University will lose two-thirds of its faculty and 50 percent of its courses, if proposed budget cuts from the California State Legislature go into effect.

According to a press release, women's studies will be disproportionately affected by the cuts due to its high ratio of lecturers, as opposed to tenured professors. The professors of women's studies who will be laid off are primarily women of color.

The state legisture is asking a 15.5 percent cut to the California State University system as well as a 40 percent tuition hike.

Meanwhile, a group of cinema students at State University has organized to protest the budget cuts which threaten women's studies as well as other liberal arts programs, including their own cinema department, which, they claim, is inoperative due to the elimination of essential staff positions and a large number of classes.

Local Women Gain From Big Donation

SAN FRANCISCO - By making a $200,000 donation to Resourceful Women, a nonprofit educational organization assisting women in managing earned and inherited wealth, Marta Drury is honoring ten women throughout the U.S. who have shown courage in overcoming barriers to bring about progressive social change. Each woman will receive $20,000.

Local recipients include Flora Chu, who works on behalf of Asian, Latino and other immigrant workers exposed to workplace hazards in Santa Clara; Guille Quiroz of San Francisco, a Latina member of Mujer a Mujer, which fosters communication between Mexican and North American women minorities; and Ruth Hughes of Emeryville, who creates programs that teach people how to eliminate all forms of oppression.

The Berkeley Topfree picnic held last Saturday in MLK Park in Berkeley brought a new understanding to the community. Right: A woman has a revealing talk with a grateful officer as to why she is legally allowed to express herself sans top. Below: Group shot of participants letting it all hang out.

Photo by Katherine H. Kellogg

LA AIDS Coordinator Resigns

LOS ANGELES - Phill Wilson, the AIDS coordinator for the city of Los Angeles, left his post on June 30, saying that he can be more effective in the fight against the disease in the private sector.

"It is difficult to reconcile the slowness of the city bureauracy with the urgency demonstrated by people getting sick and dying every day of AIDS," said Wilson, who was appointed in October 1990 by Mayor Tom Bradley.

Wilson, who has been living with HIV for 11 years, has been active in a number of AIDS organizations, founding the Blacks Living with AIDS and HIV Disease, the AIDS Prevention Team and the Gay Men of Color Consortium.

High Court Says Gay Man Can Sue

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Supreme Court says that a gay man who was ordered to take a blood test after he bit two San Diego police officers can go ahead with a suit charging his rights were violated.

Brian Barlow, who was taken into custody after

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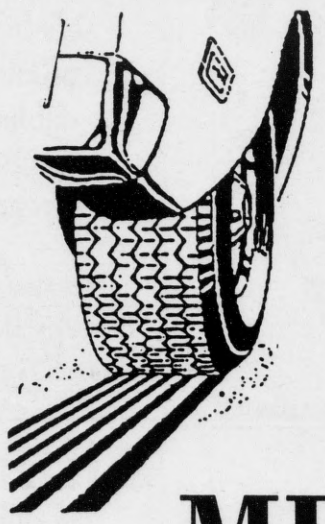

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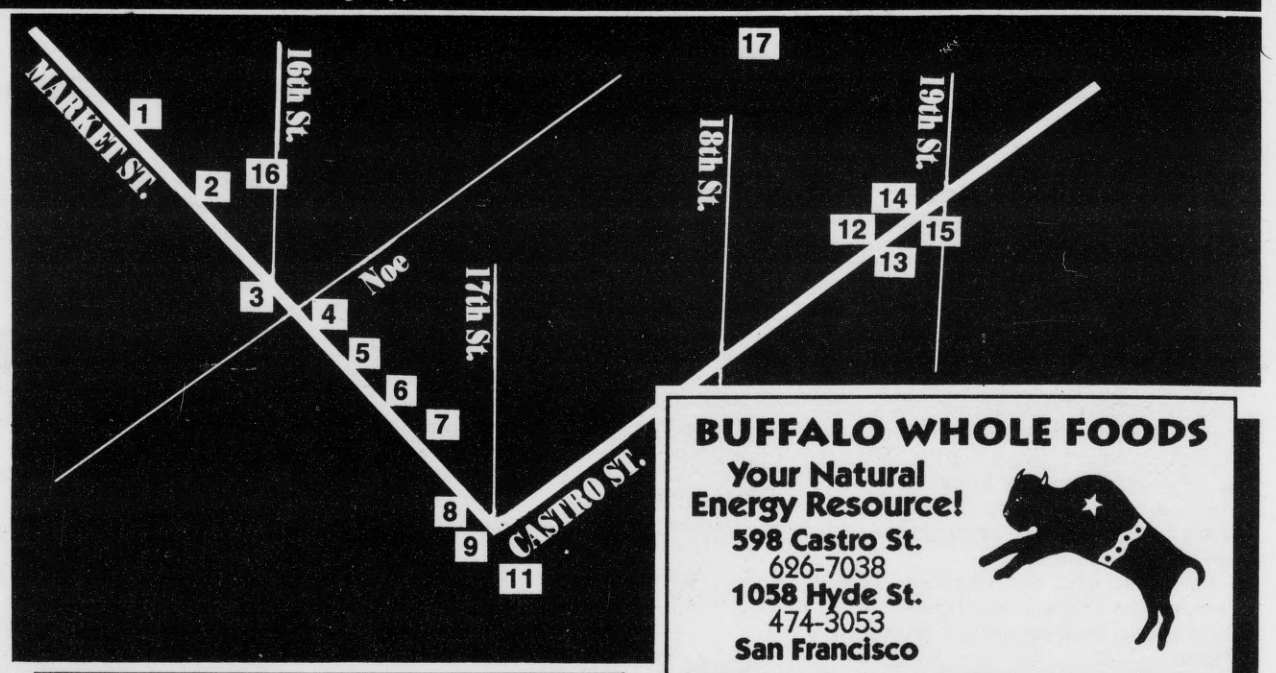

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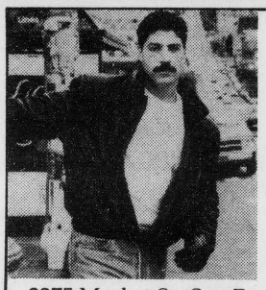

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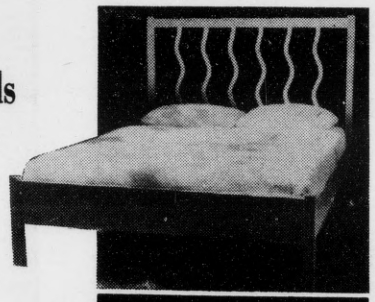

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Picket outside the Nicaraguan consulate organized by GELLAM to protest a bill passed by the Nicaraguan legislature which would outlaw gays and women.

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an encounter with police at a gay pride parade in 1986, refused to give blood for an AIDS test at the hospital. He was then taken to the police station where blood was extracted without his consent.

A federal judge threw out Barlow's charges against police, which include use of excessive force, arrest without probable cause and unlawful seizure. But the 9th Circuit Court reinstated the suit.

Lambda Sues Co-op Apartment

NEW YORK - In an effort to expand on the recent domestic partners rulings of the New York Human Rights Commission, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a domestic partners discrimination complaint with the commission against the board of a co-op apartment building which refused to permit a lesbian to transfer ownership shares to her former domestic partner. The board allows married residents to transfer their shares without its approval.

In its complaint, Lambda alleges that the board's refusal constitutes sexual orientation and marital status discrimination, both of which are prohibited by New York City law.

Bad Boy Scouts

CHICAGO - The United Way may cut off $700,000 from the Boy Scouts because the group discriminates against queers and requires a religious oath of its members.

The group, which will be funded until July 1, 1993, may be nixed if it doesn't change these policies. Said Susan Teplinsky, a spokesperson for the Scouts, "Scouting is not for sale."

Ambiguous To Whom?

COLORADO SPRINGS - Declining to take a stand, the board of governors of the Colorado Catholic Conference said that the statewide anti-gay initiative seeking to ban civil rights protections for queers is "ambiguous."

The initiative would overturn gay rights laws in three cities which currently guarantee them. In their statement, conference members explained that the initiative does not distinguish between "orientation" and "conduct" or "relationships." "In the Catholic tradition, recognition of this distinction is absolutely essential to preserve respect for the dignity of persons," they said.

Episcopal Diocese Recognizes Queers

NEWARK - The Episcopal Diocese of Newark extended dental insurance coverage to partners of its lesbian and gay priests and lay employees, making it the first diocese within any mainline Protestant denomination nationwide to do so.

In 1976, the national Episcopal church adopted a resolution calling for the incorporation of gay men and lesbians as full and equal members of the church. In 1991, the Diocese of Newark declared that it was a violation of church policy to discriminate based on sexual orientation.

Said Michael Francaviglia, spokesperson for the diocese, "The Diocese is also seeking to restructure its medical insurance coverage to parallel the change in its dental plan."

Bits & Pieces

HIV Update, the syndicated cable television program of the Physicians Association for AIDS Care, which airs on Viacom Cable Channel 51 at 9 pm, airs an interview with Larry Gostin, executive director of the American Society of Law and Medicine in its July 7 edition. Gostin discusses a number of options available for people covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act... The premiere issue of *Blackfire*, an erotic magazine featuring the images and experiences of black men, was released recently from the BLK Publishing Company. The 52-page bimonthly includes photography, short stories, drawings and a centerfold... On July 14, during the height of the Democratic National Convention, tens of thousands of PWAs and their supporters will stage a massive AIDS Unity March and Rally in New York's Times Square. It's sponsored by United for AIDS Action, a coalition of over 200 health care and AIDS service organizations... Members of the Northern New Jersey chapter of ACT UP on June 15 protested K mart's refusal to carry Magic Johnson's book—*What You Can Do to Avoid AIDS*—at its Parsippany store, because of its frank language... The entire 20,000 panels of the AIDS quilt will be displayed in Washington, D.C., Oct 9-11 in conjunction with the largest gathering of AIDS-related service organizations and volunteers.

AP also contributed to this report.

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Women walking tall in the Oakland Summer Solstice ritual.

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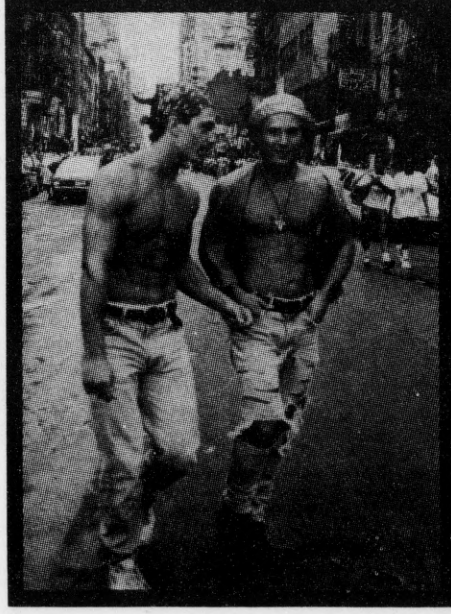

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aids treatment news by john s. james

The Current Status of Tat Drug Development

Many AIDS experts agree that one of the most promising treatment research areas at this time is the development of drugs to inhibit the HIV regulatory protein called tat. At least until recently, research has moved slowly. This article will outline the current status of development of tat inhibitors, including results of the only human trials at this time, and plans for future trials.

Tat inhibitors are promising for several reasons:

(1) The tat protein, which is only produced by HIV, greatly increases the replication of HIV. It is essential for its replication; without tat, HIV cannot reproduce.

(2) Unlike current anti-HIV drugs, tat inhibitors are likely to be effective in chronically infected cells. All the antiretrovirals in use now only work to prevent infection of new cells; in cells that are already infected, they do nothing. Chronically infected cells, which are not killed by the infection, can continue to produce toxic substances, which may be a major cause of the immune dysregulation found in AIDS. (The approved drug alpha interferon, and "alternative" antioxidant treatments such as NAC, might have some effect on chronically infected cells. But as AIDS treatments, these are limited, at best.) Tat inhibitors are likely to be effective in chronically infected, as well as other cells.

(3) Viral resistance is less likely to occur with tat inhibitors than with the anti-HIV drugs now in use. No viral resistance to one tat inhibitor was found after a year's laboratory test; by contrast, resistance developed rapidly to other drugs tested.

There is also a theoretical reason to suspect that resistance may be much less of a problem with tat inhibitors than with other anti-HIV drugs in use. Chronically infected cells can continue to produce new viruses, despite the AZT, ddI or ddC in the body. Those drugs may prevent most of these viruses from infecting new cells. But uninhibited production of new virus is likely to create excellent opportunities for mutations to produce new viral strains which are resistant to AZT or the other drugs. These new strains would have a selective advantage, because only they could reproduce if the drug treatment is continued. Therefore, viral resistance to AZT and to other reverse-transcriptase inhibitors is likely to be a problem—the very problem which destroyed most of the hopes last year for a class of non-nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitors such as Merck's L-661.

A tat inhibitor shuts down HIV replication, as well as other HIV activity, in these chronically infected cells. With few new viral particles being produced, there is less chance for resistant mutants to arise.

(4) A practical reason for interest in tat inhibitors is that one has already been tested in people (see below), in two small trials with good toxicity and blood-level results so far (no efficacy indicators were measured, so there is still no data on whether this drug will actually work in people).

(5) Another practical consideration is that tat inhibitors work against the virus in a completely different way than any other drug now in use. Therefore, the first tat inhibitor which proves useful as a human drug is likely to revolutionize treatment by greatly increasing the number of therapeutic options available. Combination treatments, for example, usually work best when the drugs being combined have different mechanisms of action.

(6) The tat inhibitor currently in human studies is taken orally, making it more practical to administer on a long-term basis than drugs which need to be injected.

(7) Besides its anti-HIV use, a tat inhibitor might possibly be useful against PML (progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy). The reason for this is that the tat protein might increase the replication of the JC virus, which is suspected to cause PML.

TAT-INHIBITOR DEVELOPMENT

The technology which made tat inhibitors possible—a fairly simple assay which could be used to screen thousands of drugs or other chemicals for anti-tat activity—was developed independently by a number of pharmaceutical companies.

We have heard that several companies have now found or synthesized anti-tat substances for possible development as drugs. But pharmaceutical companies are traditionally secretive about preclinical drug development, and the only company which we know for sure is developing a tat drug is Hoffmann-La Roche, which has completed two small human trials at Johns Hopkins University.

We will discuss this drug below. But note that what is important is this *class* of treatments, not necessarily any one particular drug. Different tat inhibitors can be entirely unrelated to each other—toxicity, bioavailability, dosage and scheduling, etc. may have nothing in common. What is important is the technology for finding these drugs. It is likely that anyone with appropriate laboratory facilities could search for new anti-tat drugs. What might make the most sense would be to test thousands of existing drugs,

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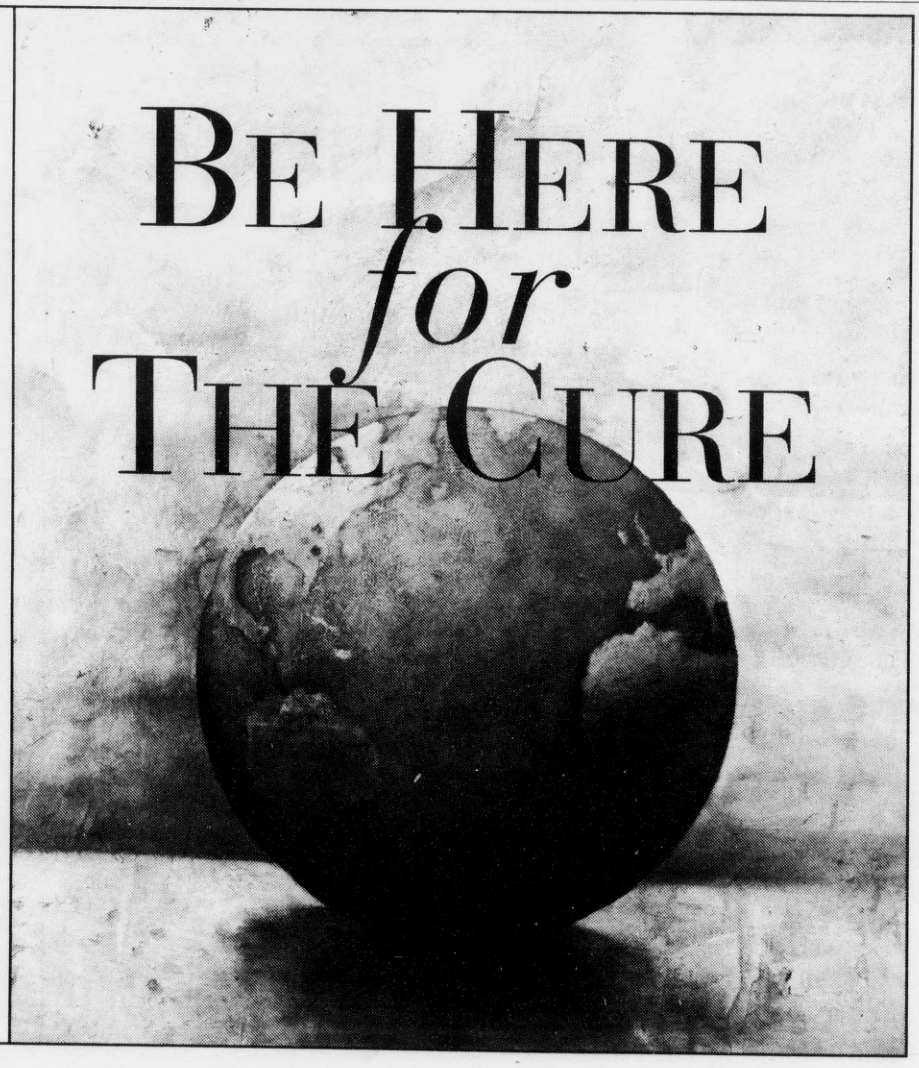

natural products, and other chemicals already in human use, to see if there is a tat inhibitor which is already available, which might then be used almost immediately, after minimal human testing. This is unlikely to be done, however, because pharmaceutical companies are unlikely to test other companies' drugs; and academic, government and community-based groups have not stepped forward.

HOFFMAN-LA ROCHE RO-24-7429

The first tat inhibitor in human testing happens to be a benzodiazepine—a member of a class of chemicals which includes certain tranquilizers, including Valium. (Valium and other tranquilizers were tested and found not to have anti-tat activity.) The reason a benzodiazepine was found first is that Hoffmann-La Roche, which developed one of the first assays for tat inhibitors, applied that technology to substances available in the Roche "library" of chemicals—many of them leftovers from the development of Valium. The first tat inhibitor, RO-5-3335, was found to be too toxic in animal tests, due to kidney toxicity; therefore a variant of it, code-named RO-24-7429, is now being developed.

The first human study tested two doses in a handful of HIV-positive volunteers. Only a single dose was given to any one patient in this study, in order to measure levels of the drug in the blood. The purpose was to design a regimen to achieve a target blood level of one micromolar, which was found to inhibit HIV at least 90 percent in laboratory tests. (What matters is the level of the drug inside the cells, rather than in the blood; however, the researchers had no way to measure the level in cells.) The target level was easily reached and maintained for at least four hours with an oral dose of 200 mg. No serious toxicity was found.

The second study was placebo controlled, with one third of the volunteers getting a placebo. The drug was given every six hours for five and a half days. With a total dose of 200 mg per day (divided into the four smaller daily doses), the blood concentration was maintained above the 1 micromolar target in most of the six patients. With a dose of 600 mg per day, most of the six volunteers were ten times the target level or more (this is the "trough" level, the lowest drug level reached between doses). There were no side effects that were different in those receiving the drug than in those receiving the placebo.

RO-24-7429 was found to have complex pharmacokinetics (the body's absorption, distribution, etc. of drugs). For example, the trough level gradually increased over time, which was not expected. And increasing the dose does not increase the blood level proportionately, but more than that. These findings complicate the dosing of the drug, and also raise questions about long-term effects.

The most notable side effect of the drug is that it turns the urine bright yellow. In animals, high doses of the drug cause kidney toxicity. No one knows if this will be a problem in humans at doses which might be used therapeutically. Kidney function will be carefully monitored in these studies.

In the first trials there was controversy over exclusion of women of childbearing potential. Future studies will probably allow women providing they are not pregnant, breast feeding and will not become pregnant in the study.

FUTURE TRIAL PLANS

Hoffmann-La Roche recently held a meeting of a newly formed community advisory board and outlined plans for future trials.

The next trial, a study on safety and tolerance of the drug, has currently been submitted to the IRB (institutional review board) for approval. It could be recruiting in about a month. Because of the buildup of this drug in the body, researchers want to study it over a longer period than tested before, in order to accurately administer it to humans. While primarily a pharmacokinetic study, this trial will measure at least one indicator of viral activity. Volunteers will need an acid-dissociated p24 of over 70 in order to enter; the reason for this requirement is so that the study can

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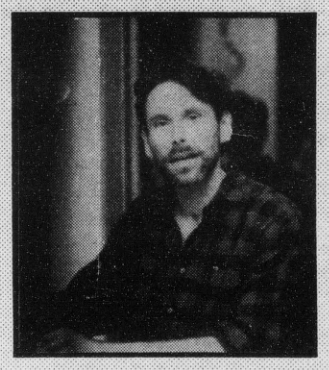

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The following trial, which will be called ACTG 213, is planned for four ACTG (AIDS Clinical Trials Group) sites: Johns Hopkins, University of California San Diego, Case Western and Harvard. These sites were selected for their virology capabilities. This study will test the drug at an earlier stage of HIV infection, with T-cell counts under 500. Fortunately, this trial will not necessarily be delayed until the new Johns Hopkins trial is completed; these trials, and also the ones below, can overlap.

This trial might be delayed, however, by the need to test a new tablet form of the drug to make sure it is properly absorbed. All the previous trials have used RO-24-7429 formulated as an oral solution, but oral solution is not a commercially viable way to deliver a drug. The new Johns Hopkins trial will also use this solution, but then no more of it will be made; the drug will be supplied as tablets instead. With the complex planning required, no one knows whether the tablet or the protocol will be ready first. Still, current plans call for much faster development of this drug than is normally practiced, with faster analysis, overlapping of trials, and pushing for rapid IRB approvals.

Meanwhile, or slightly later, Hoffmann-La Roche plans a separate trial for persons with more clinically advanced disease, using the drug in tablet form. It will be conducted outside the ACTG. It will not begin until about a month or more of data from the above trials is analyzed, because of concern about potential kidney toxicity.

Later, a large combination trial will test RO-24-7429 with AZT, probably within the ACTG. First, there will be a pharmacokinetic study at Johns Hopkins to make sure there is no problem in how the drugs interact. This sequence of trials—early disease, later disease and combination—is modeled on the Hoffmann-La Roche trials in Europe of the company's protein-

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ase inhibitor (another class of anti-HIV drugs).

The community representatives at the Roche advisory-board meeting were relieved that plans were to stagger the trials, instead of waiting for each to finish before starting the next. But no time line for these studies was given; also, there were no protocols at the meeting for specific comments, although there are plans to let the board members comment on the protocols later.

The main dissatisfaction of the advisory board was the lack of a plan for a trial of RO-24-7429 for Kaposi's sarcoma. Apparently Roche had plans for a seminar to look at this possibility, instead of for a trial, which is what the community wants, of course. No final decision has yet been made.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The plans outlined above suggest that RO-24-7429 could move more rapidly than other drugs in the past. It is notable that a number of trials have been thought through—including coordination between ACTG and non-ACTG trials.

We do have one suggestion, which might save much time in drug development, as well as saving money for both Roche and the government. There is an alternative design sometimes called the "N of one" trial, in which a drug's effects are studied intensively in one patient, instead of by statistical analysis of a large group receiving a standardized protocol. The N of one design allows more flexibility in early testing of how to use the drug in practice, since it does not require the imposition of a rigid protocol in order to try to make different patients comparable. Instead, the best medical and scientific judgment of leading clinical researchers can be applied to modify the trial as it proceeds.

Because AIDS is a public health emergency, several N of one trials should be started simultaneously; they could be run by the same researchers. This would differ from a standard statistical trial with an N of several (too small to get useful statistics if there is much variability in what is being measured) in that each course of treatment could proceed individually, depending on the best interests of the patient as well as the interests of scientific discovery. Clinical information, not statistics, would be the goal.

There would be no shortage of volunteers, and such a trial would pose no greater risk to them than they would be exposed to anyway in standard trials. And consider some possible outcomes. If most of the patients in the N of one trials had to stop the drug due to toxicity, without showing signs of antiviral activity, then it would be clear that the drug should be abandoned and another one tried in its place; months or years and millions of dollars would have been saved. On the other hand, if the drug looked good, then efforts to test it would be redoubled. The FDA would still require standard statistical trials; but if a treatment were promising enough, it might qualify for accelerated approval quickly, with most of the large trials conducted post-marketing. Then the treatment would be available to the physicians and patients who clearly needed it, much sooner than under the current system.

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only learning to understand.

If we truly want to be accepted as the women we believe we are, let's not keep "sticking it" to the girls. If we focus on our own unique political reality, create a viable gender analysis, and fight for an end to institutionalized oppression, we may someday be worthy of building the bridge. I, for one, will continue to respect women-born-women space and work toward creating my own transsexual-based analysis.

Cherise
Oakland

Addressing Transgender Groups

For those corresponding with transgender groups, please pay attention to the ads. Some groups obviously don't want the names of the group or the purpose of the group written across an envelope when you write to them.

Some groups have "attn" at the end of the ad, saying how to address the envelope. Others go by abbreviations, etc.

However the address is written, please *pay attention!*

R.K.
San Francisco

Interested in Sex

Circumcision, foreskins, masturbation techniques, celebrity cocks, nude celebrity photos, sex in the service, sex with father, gay travel tips—there's an organization publishing a quarterly newsletter devoted to those and other subjects.

Today, in fact, there seems to be an organization for every conceivable interest. This particular group includes clergymen, teachers, medical men, and every other possible profession. Over half have advanced college degrees. They come from every state and Canadian province, and from many foreign countries.

Some of the men who formed the nucleus of the group had a common background. They had found themselves "different" from their peers, in their cut or uncut status. Sharing their experiences, they were soon joined by men with many other interests, as noted above. They all seem to have an intense interest in determining the cut/uncut status of everyone.

The men, both gay and straight, learn techniques for tracking down celebrities, in order to determine their status. Health clubs provide one of the best sites. When spotting celebrities in theaters, restaurants, airports, the men often wait for an opportunity to follow them into restrooms. Many have even been the sexual partners of the celebrities on whom they report.

They search old *Playgirls, Playboys* and physique magazines, often locating nude photos of men taken long before they became celebrities. These are shared.

Always seeking new "scouts" for the project, they encourage men to write for information on how to become part of the group. For a complete description of the project, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: Chuck Thompson, PO Box 691024, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Chuck Thompson
West Hollywood

Staggered Coverage

Following the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 28, I was curious to see how our local TV news would cover the event. Because of TV movies and the Southern California earthquakes, the broadcast times of the Sunday night newscasts were staggered, so I was able to watch parade coverage on all four channels. And I saw that the coverage varied greatly.

Some surprises: My highest regard went to Channel 4, with Channel 5 somewhere in the middle, while Channel 2 deserves contempt and Channel 7 outrage.

I had sworn off watching Channel 4 News ever since their sleazy NAMBLA expose. Maybe they learned something from the feedback they received? On parade day, they showed footage of the broadest variety of participants, backing up the pictures with commentary about the lifestyle, professional and ethnic diversity that makes up the lesbian/gay community. Then they turned to a piece about NAMBLA's part in the parade. Uh oh—I was ready for the worst. But, no, it wasn't exploitative. The commentator pointed out that while there was controversy, and NAMBLA's 11 marchers provided a flashpoint in the parade, they were only one of more than 200 contingents marching—not a big deal as far as parade participants were concerned.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

ACT UP's well-attended silent art auction on June 14. Over $4,000 was raised.

Channel 2 played us as a freak show all the way—parade images to frighten the suburbanites. They interviewed a few participants, none of whom expressed themselves well. (With every gay or lesbian elected official, as well as heads of every queer organization, in the parade, couldn't the network newspeople find someone better to interview?) The final straw: Channel 2 was the only local newscast to throw in that old standby, a Midwestern tourist saying, "We don't have anything like this back home." Hey, wake up, this isn't 1971!

Of course all the networks led with the Southern California earthquakes that had happened the same day. But Channel 7 was the only one that placed coverage of the local gay parade behind the French president's visit to Sarajevo and a few other equally scintillating stories. They were also the only local station that did not interview any parade participants. If they find my community—and the largest annual event to take place in San Francisco—so unimportant, I see no reason to watch their newscast (even if they are the only ones still running at 11 pm).

So, my viewing habits change: Up with 4, down with 7 and 2. Of course, it would have been nice if one of the networks had offered a gay or lesbian commentator on the parade. It's a shame that as our movement nears the quarter-century mark, we still need to be grateful for those TV newscasts that at least give us responsible coverage.

Henry Mach
San Francisco

NAMBLA & the New Gay Right

After witnessing the disgusting treatment of the NAMBLA contingent by a predominantly gay and lesbian crowd in this year's Freedom Day Parade, I am ready to resign my membership in the gay community. I no longer feel willing to associate myself with a group that exhibits the same bigotry and unthinking hatred to which they themselves are subjected.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Perot headquarters, redecorated by the group Log Cabin Nation,

I am not a NAMBLA member, but I fully support their right to the expression of their sexual preferences, which—contrary to the conception of the new gay "moral majority"—does not involve the abuse of children and adolescents, but rather the love of them.

This nation's turn to the extreme right has never been more incontrovertibly in evidence than in the contorted faces of those gays and lesbians who shouted and hissed with hypocritical self-righteousness at those few brave people walking up Market Street to express their belief in the beauty of youth. (Child molesters, for what it's worth, do not parade openly in the streets.)

I now know the fear and heartsickness that the NAACP marchers must have felt in the '60s when they were continually jeered at, taunted and physically abused by ignorant white racists. The hypocrisy and lack of understanding was sickening, especially coming from people who should know better.

This was hypocrisy of the most blatant kind: Anyone with even the most rudimentary knowledge of gay history can't pretend to be unaware that pederasty has historically been one of the major modes of homosexual expression, from ancient Greece and Rome to classical Islamic society to 17th century Japan. This is documented fact and can be looked up in any library.

Now, however, in the place of informed historicism, we have the New Gay Right, which wants to join forces with fundamentalist America and sweep history and difference under the social carpet by the techniques of denial, willful ignorance and outright verbal abuse. I'm sure George Bush is right behind you on this one.

What NAMBLA is advocating politically is no more radical or heinous than measures lowering the age of consent that have already been put into effect in the Netherlands and in Scandinavia, societies which are evidently more liberal and tolerant than the San Francisco gay community.

What has happened to our vision of a society in which all people—*including* our children and adolescents—have the full right to the expression of their beliefs and desires and to the responsible pursuit of happiness based on mutual respect and understanding? Suddenly, over the period of a few years (which curiously and significantly corresponds exactly to the years of the Reagan and Bush administrations), the gay community has been persuaded to abandon paganism, otherness and Dionysian vision and go through various socio-psychological brain and soul-laundering techniques (known as the 12-steps, Bradshaw on the Family, and Let's Blame It on Our Parents) to emerge lily white, morally "pure" and authorized by God himself to join in the frenzied rightist witch-hunt against child abusers, as if their alignment with a crusade so dear to the self-delusions of Middle America will be an assurance of their continued acceptance and validity.

Now that they have achieved the *status quo*, what remains of their deepest fears and unexamined desires are to be wadded up and hurled at a few NAMBLA members in the form of epithets and empty bottles. Now that gays and lesbians have created a relatively safe and secure niche for themselves, they have the hubris to deny the right of self-expression to anyone with a different vision of human sexuality.

Well *fuck you*, lily-white, morally pure gay community! Go home and read your own souls before you dare to cast stones. And while you're there, try reading Plato's *Symposium* for a philosophical perspective on pederasty. The Greeks knew, 25 centuries ago, that complex issues deserve dialogue, not self-righteousness. Knowledge is power; ignorance is ugly.

David Gadd
San Francisco

A Queer Taxpayer Responds

The following letter was sent to Sen. Robert Dole:

I watched as you made your remarks in the Senate regarding the public television-produced show "In the Life." You said that this is the sort of thing that should not be taxpayer-supported.

I realize that ideology, not thinking, is the Republican forte these days, but at least get your facts correct. According to the producer, *no federal tax dollars were used in the production of this show!*

Secondly, queers pay taxes just as other Americans do, and we are entitled to free expression just like everyone else, even if bigots such as yourself don't want to listen. There are approximately 25 million lesbians and gay men in this country, and we are not going to become invisible just to allay the sexual insecurities of you and your ilk.

Personally, as a queer American taxpayer, I'd rather have my tax dollars go to support programs such as "In the Life," than to pay the salaries of cretinous homophobes like you and your village idiot Vice President Quayle.

I invite you to make a public apology to all the millions of American tax-paying queers like myself, whom you seem to think should be silenced into submission to your "New Republican Order."

Yours truly—NOT!

Stephen Duddy
San Francisco

Lambda Letters

I would like to introduce you to Lambda Letters Project. Based in Sacramento, the project assists its members, and other interested persons, in expressing their views to legislators and other public officials as well as to private industry, on feminist, lesbian, gay and bisexual issues, in addition to issues relating to HIV/AIDS. The project supplements the efforts of organizations that do direct lobbying on these issues by coordinating efforts with them and by helping people to write or telephone legislators, other public officials and representatives of private industry.

Since our inception four years ago, we have grown to more than 500 members statewide. The managers of the project are now preparing to incorporate and obtain nonprofit, tax-exempt status. Incorporation will require that we obtain a board of directors. The nonprofit status will help us lower our postage costs considerably and also save the project's founder from paying taxes on the project's income. A board of directors, with diverse and statewide representation, is also needed because our rapid growth may soon exceed the ability of the project's informal management team to run the project and raise the necessary funds to pay its bills (the majority of which are for duplication, paper and postage).

A search committee is being formed to seek potential board members and officers of the corporation. The project managers have prepared a proposed set of by-laws, position statements for board members, a history of the project, and a number of other documents that will be included in a search committee binder to be used by that committee in its work.

Now we must appeal for your help in this endeavor. Please seriously consider serving on our search committee or as a board member or officer of the corporation. We have budgeted for travel expenses and can provide some travel reimbursement if you are from outside the Sacramento area. If you cannot serve, please discuss the project among your friends and help us to find someone who can serve. If you have any questions you can call Karen at (916) 753-6670, Boyce at (916) 965-6851, or write the Lambda Letters Project, 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA 95608.

Joseph R. Heller
Legislative Analyst
Sacramento

Wisconsin-Madison Alumni

A group of alumni of the University of Wisconsin-Madison are working to form a gay/lesbian alumni interest group. We have made plans for an open house brunch on campus at Tripp Commons of the Memorial Union from 11 am to 1 pm on Sunday, July 19, 1992. We choose this date because it is the weekend of the Magic Picnic, an annual celebration that usually draws more than 2,000 people.

We would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out to all who might be interested. UW-Madison lesbian and gay alumni and their families, friends and colleagues are cordially invited.

Ken Chraca
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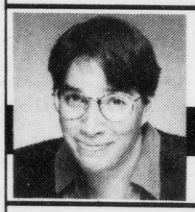

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(astrology)

By Jack Fertig

Hot, Fresh Crab!

While the Sun is in Cancer, we all identify a bit more with clan and community, but also with our feelings and desires. Through this week and next, the Sun is sextile Mars in Taurus, bringing out the sensual, indulgent side of both signs. It also brings out the insistent side of those signs. Over the next few days, Sol and Mars will aspect Uranus, Neptune and Saturn, heightening our desires and bringing us face to face with our limits. If you can keep clear on those limits and focus your desires where they are appropriate, it can be a wonderful week!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Confusion and disruptions at work are making your home all the more attractive. Actually, things aren't quite so bad at work. Oh yeah, it's a bit off-center, but it will be easier to deal with if you can keep yourself out of the middle of it. Usually you're real good at taking care of yourself. These days your boundaries are not as clearly defined as usual, and you take on problems that really aren't yours to deal with. Think ahead through any effort to show leadership. It's something you typically do well, but this week it's a good way to get into trouble. Slow and easy does it. Keep your priorities clear, and you shouldn't have any real trouble.

TAURUS: Your sign is better known for stamina than for energy *per se*. This week you're building up steam, and you will become unstoppable. Most of the energy is in the throat and up. You're seeking mental stimulation, but you can be easily sidetracked by urges to chatter. Either way, you know how you are once you get started! You could get trapped in struggles over theory, when your strength is with the real and tangible. But you are tempted to explore challenging ideas, ethereal notions. Keep an open, flexible mind. Your ears are being stimulated as well as your mouth. Especially now, they're also of more practical value.

GEMINI: Mars is in your twelfth house, making you a little more scattered than usual. That's not the problem, but it can be the solution: Slow down, breathe, meditate. Priorities and values are coming into question, and this week you'll be faced with concerns about sex and mortality. You could be exploring some interesting new erotic directions and/or facing hard issues about death. (Through this year and next you'll be dealing with a lot of this!) Impulsive spending is an attractive distraction. Try buying one—just one!—special item, and see what that choice says about your priorities.

CANCER: Before your birthday, you share Leo's problems. But your birthday festivities will bring you out and make you very self-assured. (And this year is a great time for a fabulous birthday party!) Even at your most confident, you're having doubts and questions about partnership. If you have a lover, the poor dear must be very confused with your mixed signals. Right now focus on your own personal long-range goals and ideals. There you will get the clarity to know what you want for yourself. From that you will see how another person can best fit into your life. *Happy Birthday: Ann Englar, Chris Murphey, Chris Minor, and Ann Soucy-West!*

LEO: You are a bit overwhelmed with work these days; respond by taking charge and forging through. All this is bringing out both your authoritarian streak and a nervous undercurrent; that may motivate people working with you, but more out of fear than inspiration. Slow down! Take a deep breath and count to 20. Work is not the only thing that's weighing on your mind. Get clear about your own personal problems and separate them from work pressures. Actually, work can be therapeutic once you get a clear sense of what you really need to do, for yourself, and very separately, on the job.

VIRGO: This is an excellent time for you to overcome that mousy librarian image that your sign is saddled with. The stars are now arranged to point you out as fun city, a major attraction, an E-Ticket ride! Your own desires for fun and adventure may take a different tack, but be aware that all possibilities are open, and a lot of people are out there, eager to help you make the most of whatever you choose. You may lack a sense of direction and clarity on your limits. It's easy to go overboard, which may or may not be good for you. You decide.

LIBRA: This is a very ambitious time of year for you, a good time to take charge and get ahead. Exercising authority now, though, brings up a lot of issues about parental authority. Getting into Bradshaw, doing a lot of ACA work, *may* be a good idea. The stars point more specifically to erotic role play. Find some way to take the conflict in hand (or wherever!) If you don't face these issues in a constructive fashion they'll come at you hard and heavy through politics at work. You're in a good position to handle that, but wouldn't costumes and latex be more fun?

SCORPIO: Partnership can be a major adventure, as you're finding out these days. The adventure is about to get loud as you and your partner take on some challenging discussions. You're expressing yourself more forcefully and less rationally. Expressing yourself through metaphor, music or poetry is fine, if you're both ready to look past the common fixation on rationalism. As boundaries blur, "boundary issues" come into clear highlights. This is an ideal time to look at the problems and draw them out. Solutions arrived at now are only steps toward more sensible answers to be determined at a cooler time. Soon, not now. This is a great time for progress, but not for resolution.

SAGITTARIUS: Money issues are coming to a head soon. You tend to worry more than you need to. Your energy is high and could be focused on your work, although focus—especially on financial issues—doesn't come easily now. Concentrate on work and money will fall into place. Shared accounts may be a special problem, and worrying over money can distract from sexual demands. And everyone thinks you're *so* hot these days! Actually a little discipline around sex, or development of erotic techniques (disciplinary or otherwise) can help you put values, financial and otherwise, into perspective.

CAPRICORN: Be very careful that you don't let your partner (or an apparently good candidate) lead you around in some fog. Right now you're inclined to let that much-too-significant other take the lead and be perfectly wonderful, while you're feeling acutely uncertain about what it is you want and need. You are willful despite it all, and will subvert any direction that doesn't match your own inner desires—even if you have no idea what those are. Well, you wanna have fun, but what kinda fun...? Tune in to that first impulse and listen to your heart. Speak your mind and your partner will appreciate your clarity.

AQUARIUS: This is an excellent time to dedicate your energies to community service! Be careful, though, to balance it out with taking care of yourself. On the one hand you have to deal with your own health—physical and emotional. Seems you're at a low ebb right now and need to take care of yourself. On the other hand, you're not that bad off and working with others will help to invigorate you. Community service will also help you get a fresh angle on your own problems and help to bring them into perspective, perhaps let you see how other people handle the troubles that have been weighing on you.

PISCES: It's bad enough—just to begin with—to be swimming in two different directions at once, but now your friends are pulling you in all directions. You always did have trouble saying, "no." Well, now you are discovering that there is indeed such a thing as too much fun. Articulation comes easier than you realize, and you'll have plenty to say. The trick is to say it calmly and kindly before you start screaming and thrashing. Your energy is extremely high, but so is everyone else's, so don't think your burst will keep you ahead. Measure your energies carefully. You know how easily you overdo almost everything!

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JULY 2 / T H U

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group for youth ages 21 & under, meets tonight & 7/9, 16, 23 & 30. 5:30-6 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 6-7:30 pm group time for everyone. Info/location: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns.

BBQ Potluck with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. 6:30 pm at Whisman School Park on Easy Street in Mountain View. Bring something to BBQ & something to share. For info call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women welcome!

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets for a BBQ Potluck at 6:30 pm at Whisman School Park on Easy Street in Mountain View. Bring something to BBQ & something to share. For directions & other info call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!

New Horizons Mtg: Social/support group for young adults in their 20s. Tonight's topic: Homosexuality & religion. 7:45 pm drop-in for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Info: 457-3523.

Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Business Mtg: 7-9 pm. Call Sharon 453-9317 for info/location.

Les Blank , celebrated documentary filmmaker of world cultures, appears in person at Film Arts Foundation for the 25th Anniversary of his Bay Area-based production/distribution company Flower Films. 7-10 pm. 3 hours of intimate discussion with Blank plus co-workers Maureen Gosling & Chris Simon. 346 9th St, btwn Folsom & Harrison, SF. 2nd floor. $12. Info/reg: 552-8760.

New Horizons group for young adults in their twenties meets tonight, see 6/25 listing for details.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author, lectures on "Creating Prosperity & Success: Expanding Your Potential." 8 pm, $9 general donation, $6 srs & youth. WA. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

Hardcore Benefit with *Tribe 8, Spitboy* and *Jawbreaker*. Proceeds benefit the Nat'l Women's Rights Organizing Coalition to help send pro-choice activists to Baton Rouge, LA to defend abortion clinics there against Operation Rescue and the Klan. Also appearing: *JChurch, Gargoyles, Schlong* and DJ Lebowitz as MC. 8 pm, $6-12 donation. All ages are welcome. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 267-3067.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/1 listing for details.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis return to Josie's Cabaret for another bout of hilarious comedy. 8 pm, $10. Wed-Sun thru 7/5 with an added 10 pm show on 7/3. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

God's Girlfriend and the Satirical Performing Arts Coven bring their tumultuous acclaimed show to Drug #6, 650 Howard St, SF. Info: Miriam 863-6694.

At the I-Beam: *The Spongemummies* with Bill Spooner of *The Tubes*. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Brazilian Rhythms at El Rio with Mauro Saldana and *Mau Mau*. 10 pm-2 am, $2. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

BlackOut Dance, a fundraiser spons by Living Sober, a conference for people in recovery from alcohol. Kick-off celebration for this year's Living Sober Conference. 10:15 pm-3 am, $15-8 SL donation. 715 Harrison St at 3rd, SF. Hosted by the SF gay & lesbian fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Childcare is NOT provided at this event.

JULY 3 / F R I

Lesbian Love: Register now for this 7/24-26 workshop on sex, love & intimacy for singles and couples. Become open to deeper levels of intimacy, reclaim & unleash your sexuality, avoid lesbian bed death. Discover the power of moving beyond limiting judgements & fears. Info/res: LoveWorks, Inc., 572-1999.

Traditional Labor Day Wkend at the Russian River: Lost of events planned! Call (800) 253-8800 for details.

At the Castro Theatre: 4th Animation Celebration: The Movie, thru 7/12, a screening of award-winning films from around the world. Castro & Market Sts, SF.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Norman Solomon (*Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in News Media*) discusses his new book, *The Power of Babble: The Politician's Dictionary of Buzzwords & Double-Talk for Every Occasion*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Lots of laughs with Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's, see 7/2.

Musical Tour Benefit: SF to Central Africa—night of music by *Salsa 24*, plus screening of French film about Cameroon, *Black & White in Color*. 8 pm, $5. 2779 16th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 648-4923.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/2.

Sequiter: A diverse evening of works in progress by Emily Bezar, Beth Bornholdt, Mark Cooper, MAP, Huey Molnar, Scott Serrano, Mark Shepherd and *Jodie's Band*. 8 pm, $6. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St, SF. Info/res: (510) 531-9332.

Comedy at Mama Bears with Lisa Geduldig, Andrea Lee & Liz Olsen. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only.

At the I-Beam: *The Rosemarys, Orange* and *Speedboat*. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Dance All Night: Bump, grind & thrust at tonight's star-spangled Independence Day party with DJs Nikki Rivera, Evol-E and Alec Cunningham. A benefit for GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) & Frameline. Red, white & blue attire suggested. 9 pm, $8. 55 Natoma St, SF. Info: 861-4588.

'Til Dawn's Early Light—A lesbian/gay dance party to benefit GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) and Frameline. Two dance floors: #1 features DJ Nikki Rivera & EVOL-E, #2 features DJ Alec Cunningham. $6 in adv (tix avail at In-Jeanious), $8 at door. 55 Natoma, btwn 1st & 2nd, SF.

At the I-Beam: *The Rosemarys, Orange* and *The Dawns*. 9 pm, free! 1748 Haight St, SF.

JULY 4 / S A T

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis court, botanical gardens & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign on left). Meet 9 am in parking lot. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Afternoon BBQ Party at El Rio with *Field Trip, Zircus* and *Genuine Diamelles*. Outside! 4-8 pm. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

GLAA (Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance) monthly mtg & potluck dinner at Gwynn Goodner's house, 138 Henry St, SF. Please bring food & artwork to share. Info: Gwynn 621-0345.

Processed World & Mercury Rising magazine benefit. Features music by *SPOT 1019* and *L-Sid*, poetry by Marina Lazzara, Jesse Taylor-York, William Talcott, Cliff Ross & Rob Brezsny, videos and an independent magazine fair. 7:30 pm, $5 donation. Komotion International, 2779 16th St at Folsom, SF. 'Zine Fair starts at 7:30 pm, followed by videos at 8:15, poetry at 9:15 and music at 10:15. Info: 626-2979.

Margaret Cho & Mark Davis keep you laughing at Josie's tonight, see 7/2.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Betsy Salkind, Tom Ammiano & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JULY 5 / S U N

Japanese Cartoonist & author of the acclaimed *Hadashi No Gen* (Barefoot Gen), appears at a special screening of the animated film version of *Barefoot Gen*. Noon at the Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight St, SF. Info: 546-9481.

Sunday BBQ at Thunder Bay with entertainment by *Two Minute Warning, Cantelope Syndrome, Sketch olives, Kobalt Blue* and *Garden Party*. Doors open at 3 pm. No cover. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Rhythmo-Fusion Garden Party at El Rio with *Blazing Redheads* and *Mango Jam*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

"Homophobia in Brazil: From the Inquisition to Today," a talk by Luiz Mott, Brazil's leading gay author & founder of Grupo Gay de Bahia. Mott discusses the history of homophobia in Brazil, including documentation on over 1200 current cases of assassinations of lesbians & gay men. 7 pm, donation collected. Copies of Mott's books will be available for sale. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Course in Miracles Group spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Ongoing study group promoting personal & spiritual growth. 7-9 pm Wed (7/5, 12, 19, 26). For info/location call Sharon 453-9317.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Visual artist/writer Margaret Crane & latina performance artist Diana Lopez, "a woman with a drag queen aesthetic," read selections of new work. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret. Final performance! See 7/2.

JULY 6 / MON

Community Forum series on injustice in our communities, spons by Open Forum. For one week each, in SF and in Oakland, panels & discussion on various topics relating to economic & social inequality. SF: 7/6-10, 7-9:30 pm at Bayview Opera House, 4705 3rd Ave nr Oakdale, SF. WA. CC provided. Oakl: 7/13-24, 7-9:30 pm, Local 28 Union Hall, 548 20th St (two blocks from 19th St BART). CC provided. Topics: Mon—Repression & the Justice System. Tues—Economic Inequality & Human Needs. Wed—Media: Whose Voice? Thurs—Demanding Respect & Accepting Diversity. Fri—Directing Our Anger, Finding Solutions. Info: 552-2993.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drinks & conversation on the first Tues of each month at Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. 7:30 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

WHAM!/Bay Area (Women's Health Action & Mobilization), a direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing women's reproductive rights & guaranteeing access to free community controlled health care for all women, meets 7:30 pm tonight & alternate Mondays at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe health care is political are welcome! Info: 985-7141.

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Lesbian Support Group in Marin, spons by Spectrum, the Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. For reg, location & other info call 457-1115.

At the I-Beam: *Sex Gang Children* and *Pressurehed*. 9 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

JULY 7 / T U E

The Mothers of East LA: Aurora Castillo, spokesperson for Mothers of East Los Angeles (MELA, founded in 1984) shares grassroots strategies used to halt the environmental destruction of East LA neighborhoods, and how MELA helped keep the peace in their neighborhoods during the LA riots. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

"Intro to the Mystery School," a talk by Rev Norma Tringali, co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African American artist/athlete Stan Stone. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Rounds Singing For Women: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit and freedom, in many languages, from many centuries. No musical experience necessary. Class meets 7:15-9 pm on Tuesdays in Berkeley and on Thursdays in SF. For class & fee info call Kay 285-9642.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Journalist Julia Hutton discusses her new book, *Good Sex: Real Stories from Real People,* a book based on 80 in-depth, explicit interviews with women and men, ages 17-73, about their sex lives. Hutton will be joined by some of her informants for the reading. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. 7:30 pm at Community Congregational Church, 145 Rock Hill Drive, Tiburon. Topic: Planning for the upcoming retreat. Info: 457-1115.

At Thunder Bay: *Private Culture, Yah-Ya, Little Man*. 8 pm, $4. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now It Can Be Lipsynched" Celebrated NY performer returns to Josie's with his new drag lipsynching tour de force, a glamorous expose of the on and off stage life of Lypsinka. Runs Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/2, with added 10 pm shows on 7/10, 17 & 31. Tix $12 on Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun, $15 on Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives' Tales: K Kaufman & Catherine Dee, authors of *The Women's 1992 Voter Guide;* and Judith L Boice, author of *The Art of Daily Activism*, discuss personal & political activism for the '90s. 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned

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Susie Bright reads at a Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books on July 8. See Calendar for details.

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Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love" at Josie's June 24-26.

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John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now It Can Be Lipsynched" at Josie's July 7-Aug. 2. Calendar has details.

away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, the cultural events series spons by Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St at 21st. Info: 821-4675.

JULY 8 / WED

Older Lesbians Support Group meets noon-2 pm today & 7/22. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Bring a bag lunch. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

25 Years of Les Blank's Independent Filmmaking: Red Vic Movie House retrospective of Blank's work, today thru 7/14. 1727 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-8999.

Project Share monthly informational gathering for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-9030.

On 20 Dunstan Terrace: See premiere of LA filmmaker Paul Haddad's *Taxi Dancer*, a chronicle of the lives of three women who work as dance hostesses in an LA dance club. Gritty & touching. 4:30-5 pm on CityVisions cable channel 25, SF.

FLAG (Federal Lesbians & Gays) mtg features free talk by SF Board of Ed member Tom Ammiano on "Public School Programs for Gay & Lesbian Youth." 5:30 pm. No-host bar, free snacks. Charpe's, 131 Gough St, SF. Everyone welcome, especially public employees. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Bisexual Rap Group, spons by Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns, begins. Women & men of all ages are welcome! For reg, fee & other info call 457-1115.

Kairos House 4th Anniversary Celebration: Kairos celebrates its 4th year of providing support for caregivers of HIV affected persons & persons with other life-threatening diseases. Entertainment provided by comic Marilyn Pittman and *The Alter Boys*, with J Wingate at the piano. For time & other info call 861-0877.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month. 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Lesbian Uprising! Book Group reviews Julia Penelope's new book, *Call Me Lesbian: Lesbian Lies, Lesbian Theory.*. 7 pm. Night of vigorous, exciting discussion, come even if you haven't read the book. Info/location: 626-7821.

"Primary Recovery for a Primary Disease," Conrad Imhaus & Mike Neustadt of Serenity Knolls residential treatment program, discuss alcoholism, intervention & recovery alternatives. 7:30 pm at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Fight the Backlash against abortion & women's health care with a night of music, comedy & video—an emergency benefit for Women's Choice Clinic, with comic Venida Taylor and musician Rashida Oji; also see the ACT UP/SF video about women prisoners with AIDS, *Acting Up for Prisoners*. 7:30 pm, $5-25 donation. La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible, Childcare with 2/days adv notice. No scents, please. Info: 995-4735.

Author/Sex Activist Susie Bright reads from her new book, *Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: A Virtual Sex World Reader* at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Bondage Party: Social play party for guys into the scene and partyboys in a fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Info/res: 292-3228.

At Thunder Bay: *Her Majesty the Baby* and *Honeypot*. 8 pm, $4. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it Can Be Lypsynched," at Josie's, see 7/7.

New Music Series at The Marsh features vocalist Julie Queen, pianist Mary Fleming & guest performers in an evening of outrageous & eclectic cabaret. 8 pm, $5. Tonight & 7/15, 22 & 29. 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Tix $5 at door. Info: 641-0235.

At Faster Pussycat! Partial benefit for Two Boots Film Production—features *Spokepoker* and *Angel Sultana*. Guest DJ Marissio. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

JULY 9 / THU

Canoe & BBQ River Trip spons by Sonoma BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Today's the deadline to register for this flotilla adventure on the Russian River. Call Louise (707) 833-2303 for details.

Acoustic music with Alex Walsh & friends at Simple Pleasures, 8 pm. 3434 Balboa St, SF.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 7/23 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group mtg, see 7/2.

Rounds Singing for Women—see 7/7.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA in Palo Alto. Tonight's program: Play the Ungame, a fun game to help you get to know us, and yourself, a little better. Led by Marilyn. Info/directions: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!

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Patrick Macnee, star of the 1960's cult classic, "The Avengers," reads from his autobiography *Blind in One Ear: The Avenger Returns*. Macnee recounts his early years as the product of an English upper-crust but broken family, and growing up with his beautiful eccentric mother, who took him to live with her lesbian lover, "Uncle Evelyn." 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Rebecca Brown (*Haunted House*) reads *Terrible Girls*, her new "bizarre, seductive & haunting" collection of stories. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

New Horizons Mtg: Social/support group for young adults in their 20s. Tonight's topic: How to meet people. 7:45 pm drop-in for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Info: 457-3523.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Penny Rosenwasser discusses her new book, *Visionary Voices*, a collection of interviews with Deena Metzger, Papusa Molina, Winona LaDuke, Fran Peavey and others. 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, Old Wives' Tales Bookstore's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

John Epperson in "Lypsincha! Now it can be Lypsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/7.

At the I-Beam: *Bluchunks, Disciple of Ed* and *Puzzle Fish*. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Queer Rock with *Pansy Division* at Bottom of the Hill, 1233 17th St, SF. 10 pm. Info: 626-4455.

JULY 10 / FRI

Deadline to register for Shanti Project's Crossings Volunteer training. Crossings Volunteers provide emotional & practical support to men, women & adolescents affected by AIDS/HIV who live in the Tenderloin, Mission & South of Market neighborhoods. Training dates: 7/18 & 25. Volunteers who wish to work with children attend a 3rd day of training on 7/28. Info/reg: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink 777-2273.

Heart of Relating: Thru 7/12, a communication course linking love with power. Learn how to not sell out for your relationships. Move from co-dependence to mutual empowerment. Course offers personalized coaching, promises powerful results. Info/reg: LoveWorks, Inc 572-1999.

Southbay BACW TGIF: Celebrate the end of the week with Southbay Bay Area Career Women at Selections, 1984 Old Oakland Road, San Jose. 5-8:30 pm, $5. Info: (408) 223-8850.

Global Exchange Open House: Haitian dance, songs from South Africa, Cuban salsa; plus food, drink, music & dance. 2017 Mission St, SF. 3rd floor. 6 pm. Info: 255-7296.

Edvard Radzinsky presents a slideshow/discussion of his book *The Last Tsar: The Life & Death of Nicholas II*. Radzinsky unravels the 70-year-old mystery of the last days & death of Nicholas II & family, based on new evidence and documents made available since glasnost. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Join us! Let go of the week & your work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! 7:30 pm, Daly City location this month. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. For location/directions call 755-8456 before today, for more info call 821-4009

Photo: Irene Young

See Monica Grant in concert at KBBK Studios, July 11.

Elana Dykewomon prose/poetry performance, in celebration of the new edition of her 1974 classic, *Riverfinger Women*. Program includes old favorites & new work in progress—don't miss! 8 pm, $5-8. Women only. No one turned away for lack of funds. No scents or perfumes. Wheelchair Accessible. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/7.

At the I-Beam: Penelope Houston & guests, free! 9 pm. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

JULY 11 / SAT

Pt Richmond Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 80 to 580, toward the Richmond/ San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Harbor Way South & go left approx 1/2 mile. Turn left on South Garrard thru the tunnel. Park along the curb above the park. Meet 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Wilderness Women Backpack Trip to Yosemite Park, Tuolumne Meadows: 5 miles per day, women only. Info: Mary Ann (510) 540-6746.

Most Holy Redeemer Support Group spons training for persons interested in offering volunteer practical & emotional support to people with HIV disease. Training held this weekend (7/11-12) and 7/18-19. Info/app call Michael Vargas or Patrick Ballengee 863-1581.

Plumbing: Basic Home Repair Wkshop: 9 am-4 pm, $35-55 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222 for info. Facilitated by Women Empowering Women Tradeswomen. UCSF, Room N517, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF.

Beyond Hunger: An Alternative to Dieting: Workshop for people who want to resolve the diet/binge cycle. 10 am-4:30 pm, $45. Led by Laurele Roark & Carol Emery-Normandi. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss coming out & homophobia; work on sexual identity issues; learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $40-60 SL fee. Info: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Surviving the Loss of a Relationship: A Wkshop for Lesbians. 10:30 am-3 pm, $65. Eastbay location. Call (510) 843-9207 for reg/info. Led by Carolyn S Stroebe, PhD.

July LSG (Lesbian Social Group) potluck at GiGi & Sheila's home in San Jose (Westgate area). 11 am. For info/directions call (408) 866-8306. A celebration of good food, good fun & long relationships. Newcomers welcome!

Fabulous Pancake Brunch & Auction: Spons by Bay Area Pledge of Resistance. Auction includes art, photography, pottery, jewelry, protest memorabilia, massages, gift certificates & more. Speaker: Judy Talaugon of American Indian Movement. Discussion of plans for resistance to the quincentennial celebrations. 11 am, Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita at Cedar, Berkeley. $4-10 SL fee (no one turned away for lack of funds). For childcare & other info, or to donate to the auction call (510) 666-1177.

From the Heart: A night of music & teachings with Cris Williamson & Ram Dass. 8 pm, $100 for center orchestra & reception, $25 for other reserved seats. Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, SF. Proceeds benefit the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, the Maitri AIDS Hospice and the Redwood Project for Healing. Info/reg: (510) 655-0364.

Jazz guitar/vocal duo Gigi Gamble & John Schott at Daniel's Highland Cafe, 821 San Pablo Ave, Albany. 7-9 pm. No cover, no minimum. Info: (510) 524-0157.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Dario Argento reads from his futuristic, quirky & poetic treatment of the *Iliad*.

Comedy, Improv & Music with Over Our Heads at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $5. Women only.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lypsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/7.

At Thunder Bay: *Flipper* and guests. 8pm, $5 adv (tix at BASS). One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley,. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Monica Grant in Concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $6-8 SL fee. KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

At the I-Beam: *Smokin' Rhythm Prawns, Motherlode* and *Wig Torture*. 9 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with comics Marilyn Pittman, Audie Silverman & Betsy Salkind. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Vomit Launch, Malibu Barbi* and *Louder Than God*. 10 pm-2 am. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JULY 12 / 2 SU

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting; discuss being single, where to meet lesbians, dating, lesbian relationships & resources in the lesbian community. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $40-60 SL fee. Info: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Potluck Brunch for Men meets noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi. Bring a dish to share. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

My Sin: Bay Area choreographer Raymond Johnson reads selected works from his choreopoem, "My Sin" tonight at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley at 7:30 pm; and at Footwork Dance Studio, 3221 21st St, SF at 3 pm on 7/25. Performances also feature Bay Area author/poet Akilah Kamau reading selections from her book, *How Can I Believe in the Rainbow?* plus work by dancer/choreographer Jacqueline Wesley & dancer/poet Robert Henry Johnson.

Fua Dia Congo presents a sneak preview of its new production, "Malaki Matanga," a full-length theatrical dance production creating a collage out of central African sacred dance, mime, music & poetry. Choreographed by Malonga Casquelourd. 3 pm at Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon St, Oakl. Info: (510) 562-0831.

Joffrey Ballet Tea Dance at the City Club, 155 Sansome St, SF, 10th floor. Great entertainment by the Joffrey dancers, delicious cuisine & super desserts provided by the City's top restaurants. 4 pm, $35 in adv. Info/res: 346-6040.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with Benny Velarde and *Super Combo*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets 6:30 pm in SF. Topic: Retirement planning, part II. Also discuss, "What are your dreams & desires for the midlife support group?" Newcomers are welcome! Social hour follows discussion. Info: 922-7690.

Course in Miracles Study Group spons by Marin BACW, see 7/5.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Playwright Christian Huygen (*Waiting for Godette*) reads from his new work, *A Hole in the Sky*, with performance artist Jennifer Locke. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lypsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/7.

JULY 13 / MON

Reading/Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF for a potluck supper/discussion. July book title: *During the Reign of the Queen of Persia* by Joan Chase. Info: 626-7000.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: A slideshow & discussion on the mythical, magical & medicinal properies of various trees, presented by Ellen Evert Hopman, herbalist & author of *Tree Medicine, Tree Magic*. 7 pm, $2-5. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Community Forum on injustice in our communities, spons by Open Forum. See 7/6 listing for details.

Lesbian Relationships: Mini-workshop/talk for singles & couples. Understanding what makes a relationship great isn't enough—discovering & implementing what you know is the challenge. Come discover new ways of being in relationship that dramatically enhance your chances of creating the kind of relationship you want. Presented by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks, Inc. 7:30-9:30 pm, $5 per person. Info/RSVP: 572-1999.

parents & kids box

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already raising children? Is this *not* your lifestyle choice? Come meet others for discussion, mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.

Lesbians With Babies Group forming in San Francisco. Call Paula 206-1170 for details.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Summer Classes for Kids at the Randall Museum: Exciting schedule of classes for youth & teens. Art classes include "Japanese Paper Dolls," "Animals, Art & Fantasy," and "Handmade Paper." Animal and science classes include "Predators in SF," a popular class for younger kids (ages 6-8) and "Electric Cars & Gizmos," (ages 11-14). Teen classes include "Totally Cool Drawing," and "Dishing It Out," (ceramics). Also many classes offered in Native American & Shamanic traditions, open to both children & adults; plus parent/child classes for the 3-5 age group. Prices range from $8-29. For full schedule & details call 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by SF Recreation & Park Dept.

Sharon Art Studio offers a variety of classes for kids, youth & adults: Glass, beading, Indian beading, ceramics, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Call 753-7006 for info. Located next to the Carousel in Children's Playground, near Bowling Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF.

Mission Science Wkshop is accepting applications for its summer science program for 10-14 years olds who attend schools in the SF Mission District. 3-wk session, 7/13-30. Bilingual staff. For program details & application call Dan Sudran 239-3138. MSW is located at the Mission campus of City College of SF.

Summer Dance & Performing Arts Program for children at Spirit Theatre Dance Studio: Ballet, jazz, capoeira, maskmaking, drama, drumming, African dance. All children welcome! 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-3232.

"Salute to California," exhibit at the Marin County Fair, thru 7/5. 11 am-11 pm daily Exhibits entertainment, nightly fireworks & carnival rides. Tix $7 gen'l, $5 seniors & kids ages 4-12, kids under 4 are free. 3-day adult passes, $14; 3-day kids passes, $10. Directions; Exit North San Pedro Rd off Hwy 101 in San Rafael (15 min north of Golden Gate Bridge). For more info call 499-6400.

8th Annual Make-A-Circus Independence Week Children's Program: 12:30 pm, gates open at 11:30. Concord Pavillion. Call (510) 762-2277 for info.

Big 4th of July Celebration at the Concord Pavillion: Features traditional pops concert by the California Symphony. Pre-concert fun ford kids from 6-7:45 pm with carnival games, clowns, face painting, Humpty Dumpty Big Bounce, candy & more, all included in the admission price. Post-concert grand finale fireworks exhibit. Tix: $17.50 reserved, $12.50 lawn seating ($5 for kids 12 & under). $8.75 reserved & $6.25 lawn seating for seniors. Info: (510) 762-2277.

Uncle Butch Reading Series for kids ages 6-10 at Falkirk Cultural Center. 7/11, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 1408 Mission Ave at E St, San Rafael. Info: 485-3328.

Emerald Green & Louie the Dragon Puppet, for kids ages 3-5 at Falkirk Cultural Center, 1408 Mission Ave at E St, San Rafael. Info: 485-3328.

At Modern Times Bookstore: *LA Weekly* journalist Ruben Martinez reads from his new book of essays & poetry, *The Other Side: Fault Lines, Guerrilla Saints & the True Heart of Rock 'n' Roll*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with MC Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3543 18th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Thunder Bay: *Endangered Species, Brown Fellinis* and *Thoth*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

JULY 14 / TUE

"Learning to Love Yourself," a talk by Revs Nancy Six & Karene Jen, ministers of the Church of Amron,. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Catalyst for Change wkshop with Pauline Lambert. Explore issues around change—how we know when it's time for a change, what happens when we resist change. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Bill Milligan. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: *A Virtual Sex World Reader*—Author/sex activist Susie Bright takes an intimate look at the human sexual condition in her new collection of essays. 7:30 pm reading at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Free. Info: 282-9246.
Foggy City Dancers: Lesbian & gay square dancing—come meet new friends, have a lot of fun, great exercise too! Intro classes begin today, 7/21 & 7/28 at Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St, SF. 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 905-4546. Intro classes are free.
John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/7.
At Thunder Bay: *Mute Angst Envy, Galaxy Chamber* and *Bridget*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park) Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

JULY 15 / WED

Kayaking for People with AIDS/HIV: Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. SF residents with AIDS or HIV are invited to enjoy this outdoor adventure—lots of good exercise & beautiful views! Paddle to Angel Island for a picnic, explore the surrounding areas by ocean kayak. Sign-up required. Call 777-2273.
Lunch Bunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). A meeting for frail, homebound members. Call Ruth 626-7000 for details.
Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm. Topic: "Are You Looking for Big Daddy?" Led by George Birimisa. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Poets Wkshop with Diane Kirsten-Martin at SF Jewish Community Center. Supportive atmosphere. All levels of experience welcome. 7/15-8/26 (6 sessions, no class on 8/12), 7-9 pm. $59 fee. Enrollment limited, call 346-6040 ext 229 for reg/info. 3200 California St, SF.
John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lypsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/7.
At Thunder Bay: *Reconball* and *Black Pole*. 8 pm, $4. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
New Music Series at The Marsh with Julie Queen—see 7/8.
At Faster Pussycat! Penelope Houston and her band. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.
At the I-Beam: *The Sextants* and guests. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

JULY 16 / THU

Men's Trip to Larkspur: Free trip for senior gay men, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Ferry leaves at 10:45 am from the Ferry Bldg, foot of Market Street, SF, returns at 1:45 pm. Info: 626-7000.
Rainbow's End; lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group for youth ages 21 & under, spons by Spectrum, the Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. 5:30-6 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 6-7:30 pm gen'l mtg. Tonight & 7/23 & 30. Info/location: 457-1115.
Colors United Grand Opening Celebration features exotic dancing with Kokomotion, Leah & Rainbeau. Complimentary champagne & hor d'oeuvres, variety of beats by DJ Jam & She Mixalot. 7-9 pm at 10 Hegenberger (across from the Airport Hilton), Oakl. Info: (510) 568-9282. $10. Benefit for Women Loving Women.
Author Walter Mosley (*Devil in a Blue Dress*) reads from his new novel, *White Butterfly*. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Author/sex activist Susie Bright reads from her new book of essays, *Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: A Virtual Sex World Reader*. Reading & booksigning at 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA in Palo Alto. Topic: Bisexuality. For info/directions call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Bisexuality. Discussion led by Lynn. All women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.
New Horizons Mtg: Social/support group for young adults in their 20s. Tonight's topic: The Isms—Racism, Sexism, Ageism. 7:45 pm drop-in for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Info: 457-3523.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Dorothy Allison (*Trash*) reads from her long-awaited novel, *Bastard Out of Carolina*. 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, the cultural events series of Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.
John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret: Celebrated NY performer returns to Josie's with his new drag, lipsynching tour de force, a shocking expose of the on and off stage life of Lypsinka. Show runs Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/2, with added 10 pm shows on 7/17 & 31. Tix $12 on Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun, $15 on Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Parking Karma with Deborah Pardes. Trio present an eve of acoustic rock music. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
At the I-Beam: *HEMI* and guests. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: Photographs by Paul Strand on exhibit thru 8/16. "Masterpieces of 19th Century Photography from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/1. "Expressions of Place: The Art of William Stanley Haseltine, thru 9/20. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: "Typologies: Nine Contemporary Photographers," work by Bernd & Hilla Becher, Lynne Cohen, Judy Fiskin, Candida Hofer, Roger Mertin, Thomas Ruff, Edward Ruscha & Thomas Struth, on exhibit thru 8/23. "Angels: Bruce Conner, 1973-1975," 24 photograms from Conner's Angel series on exhibit thru 7/5. "Jackson Pollock: Psychoanalytic Drawings," on exhibit 7/2-8/30; 40 works drawn from a total of 83 drawings Pollock submitted to his analyst during psychotherapy sessions between 1939-1940. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," thru 8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
SF Art Institute: Paintings by David Reed on exhibit in the Walter/McBean Gallery 7/16-8/15. Preview & artist's reception 7/15, 5:30-7:30 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF.
SF Camerawork: "Travel Documents," exhibit of work by Karen Atkinson, Ed Grazda, Renee Green, Susan King, Tseng Kwong Chi, Jin-me Yoon, Susan Mabel Maney, Deborah Small, Elizabeth Sisco, Scott Kessler, Louis Hock & David Avalos. 7/17-8/22. Artist's reception 7/17, 6-8 pm, lectures by Karen Atkinson & Jin-me Yoon, with an exchange moderated by Ann Chamberlain on 7/28 at 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Art Lick Gallery: Black & White Portraits by Jessica Tanzer, thru 7/5. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.
Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-'40s Calif artist. Thru 9/20. "Remembrance," mixed media installation by Lisa Kokin; recollection of the Holocaust. Thru 7/19. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. Thru 9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. 7/19-9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Emmet Gowin: Photographs," exhibit of over 120 photos on exhibit thru 7/12. "Fauna: Specious Origins," a photo-conceptual exhibit by Catalan artists Joan Fontcuberta & Pere Formiguera; thru 7/12. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, thru 9/6. "Works by Lorna Simpson," 7/18-9/27. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
Cartoon Art Museum: "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," thru 9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.
Circle Gallery: 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.
Circle Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.
Soft Touch Gallery: 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.
New Langton Arts: The 4th Annual Watkins Award Exhibit features work by Linda Darling, Lillian Mulero & Beverly Semmes, thru 7/25. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.
Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.
Vision Gallery: 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.
University Art Museum: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.
Richmond Art Center: "Five Solo Exhibits," works in various media by Christina Emmanuel, Sarah Grew, Pamela Robinson, Matthew Thomas & Brian Tripp. Thru 7/12. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.
SF Camerawork: "Photographic Book Art in the United States," comprehensive survey of contemporary book art. Thru 7/11. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: Works by 5 Bay Area painters: Kent Bond, Long Nguyen, Frances McCormack, Leslie Straw & Wendy Sussman on exhibit thru 8/7. Gallery talk by artists 7/16, 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.
The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.
Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "Will Work for Food," mixed media installations by James Anderson. On exhibit thru 7/4. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.
Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.
Pro Arts Gallery: "Hate Crimes," exhibit of series of large panel oil paintings by Gary Epting, depicting hatred & abuse in witnessed & reported events. Thru 7/18. 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.
Art Rock Gallery: "Bob Marley: An Exhibition," photos, artwork & graphics celebrating the life of Jamaican musician, prophet & visionary Bob Marley. Thru 7/11. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm daily. 1153 Mission St, SF. Info: 255-7390.
Paintings & sculpture by Grace Lin on exhibit thru August at World Institute on Disability, 5010 16th St, Oakland, Ste 100. Info: (510) 763-4100 voice/TDD.
The Shape of Change, a collaborative multimedia installation by David Cerny, Martina Reidlbauchova, Fana Svoboda, Margita Titlova, Filip Turek & others. Thru 7/2. Southern Exposure Gallery, 401 Alabama St at 17th, SF. Info: 863-2141.
John Pence Gallery: "The Figure: Selected American Artists Past & Present," curated group show. In addition to the traditional nude, exhibit of paintings include mythological themes, changing gender roles, religion in contemporary life, scenes of homosexual life & romantic interludes. Thru 7/4. 750 Post St, SF.
Morphos Gallery: "Emilie Clark: Recent Paintings," on exhibit thru 7/19. Includes paintings, drawings & etchings. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat, noon-9 pm Thurs, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.
The Lab Gallery: "Why B'Other?" sculpture installation by David Liebendorfer. Thru 7/11. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat.

Robert Dana Gallery: Exhibit of oil paintings by John Mancini. 7/3-31. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.
Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "California Objects Untitled," large sacle poly verethane and oil pigment paintings by Sean Krier. On exhibit 7/8-8/15, artist's reception 7/10, 6-9 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sun or by appt. Info: (510) 849-0950.
"Works on Paper & 2-Dimensional Objects," exhibit of work by William Gatewood at Saint Francis Hospital, 900 Hyde St, SF. Thru 7/16. Info: 353-6650.
Ghia Gallery: "Landlocked," exhibit exploring natural & manmade landscapes. Work by Michele Burgard, Glenn Hirsch, Leigh Hyams, Michael Lewis, Linda Ross Larson, Jayne Shor & Elly Simmons. Exhibit runs thru 7/31. Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

MACE Space for Art: New work by Linda Simmel. Oil on canvas, pastel on paper. Exhibit runs thru 8/31. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.
Richard Bolinbroke: Recent watercolors on exhibit thru 7/6 at Sweet Inspirations, 2239 Market St at Noe, SF.
"Paintings & Collage," by BWB. Works by Bobbi-Jo Azzouzi, Janet Byron, Jackie Churchill, Lesley Leanness, Jill Aimonsen and Josie Sommer. Thru 7/25 at Zeno's Paradox, A Hair Space, 552 Hayes St, SF. Info: (510) 601-0574.
"Perfection Lurks Within the Skin," exhibit of full color monotypes & figure drawings by Max Laurie White. Thru 7/15 at Church Street Gallery at Just Desserts, 248 Church St, SF. Info: 558-9534.
"31 from the Center: Neighborhood Artists," exhibit of works by 31 artists who live in the center of the City, "North of Panhandle." 7/9-18, reception 7/12, 2-5 pm. KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St, SF. Info: 563-9046.
"Foggy Notions," works by George Gamboa on exhibit at Singing in the Stone in July. Artist's reception 7/3, 6-10 pm. 2115 Taraval, btwn 31st & 32nd Aves, SF.
"Recent Black & White Male Nudes," photo exhibit by Steven Baratz at Sweet Inspiration, 7/7-8/3. Reception 7/9, 6:30-9:30 pm. 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 863-3353.
"Creativity Explored," student art exhibit at Mission Cultural Center. Exhibit runs 7/10-31. Opening reception 7/10 at 6 pm. 2868 Mission St, SF. Info: 821-1155.

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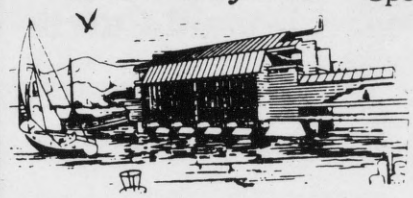
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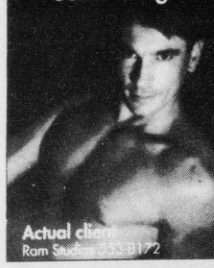

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on stage

The Convict's Return by Geoff Hoyle. Hoyle, former acclaimed clown with Pickle Family Circus, tells the story of his 1989 experiences seeking fame & fortune in New York City. Runs thru 7/5, part of Berkeley Rep Theatre's Parallel Season productions. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, added matinee at 2 pm on 6/20. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS. Tix $10-25.

Cross-Dressing in the Depression by Erin Cressida Wilson. A nostalgic tale of adolescent discovery. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 7/19. Tix $17-21, $12 stdnts & srs. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

A Name You Never Got by Ronda Slater. Touching, funny, one-woman play about Slater's reunion with the daughter she gave up for adoption. Runs Fri & Sat at 7:30 pm, 7/10-11 & 7/17-18 at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $15. Info/res: (510) 654-5264.

At Home in Hades, a dance dramatization of the descent to the underworld, using the Greek myths of Persephone and Orpheus. Theatre Pomegranate & Dance Current production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, thru 7/11 at Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina, btwn 5th & 6ths Sts, Folsom & Howard, SF. Tix $4-8 SL fee. Info/res: 512-7965.

The Bologna Medea, an ancient Greek travesty. Fratelli Bologna's madcap version of the classic tale of betrayal and revenge. The Bologna Medea remains faithful to the rich classical themes of sexual politics, rejection, alienation and revenge. Previews 7/8 & 9 at 8 pm, opens 7/10 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 7/26. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix: $8 preview, $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun matinee, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 392-4400.

Soblonski by Ken Prestininzi. Macabre comedy explores patriarchy & picket fences, the Pentagon & the Pentecost. The death & mysterious resurrection of General Henry Soblonski lead to family crisis & government high jinks in this farcical look at religious & military authority seen thru the eyes of an American family. Z Collective production. Runs Fri-Mon at 8 pm thru 7/13. Central YMCA, 121 Leavenworth at Golden Gate Ave, SF. $10 suggested donation, no one turned away due to lack of funds. Info/res: 543-9505.

Father-Land by Jeff Raz & Jael Weisman. Solo show incorporating Jeff Raz' talents as clown, acrobat, juggler & comic. Tale explores the relationship between father & son, between past & present. runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 7/5. Julia Morgan Theater, 2642 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

My Fair Lady, Lamplighters Music Theatre celebrates its 40th anniversary with its most ambitious project to date. Plays Fri and Sat at 8:30, Sun at 2:30 thru 8/2 at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk, SF. All tix $23. For info call 752-7755 after noon.

Sex, Drugs & Apple Pie, solo show written & performed by Dorothy Anton. Uses satire, voice mail and "the woman next door" in an outrageous exploration of modern dilemmas. Opens Thurs 7/9 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm Sat matinees at 2 pm, thru 8/15. Previews 7/2 & 3 at 8 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs, $8 previews & Sat matinees. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St, SF. Info/res: 775-8672.

BAIT Fringe Festival: 2-day marathon of one-acts by 13 independent theaters at Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, room 300, SF. Spons by Bay Area Independent Theatres. Today & tmw, 2-8 pm (starts at 1 pm on 7/12). Participants include the Julian Theatre, California Fault-Zone, Ohlone College Theatre, Phoenix Theatre, Theatre Au Naturel, EX-ITheatre, Young Performers Theatre, New Traditions Theatre, Comedy Sportz, Cal State Hayward Theatre, Harvest Theatre, L'Eau Theque Productions & Tale Spinners Theater. Tix $6 each, $22 for four plays, $30 for sampler tix (6 plays). Info/res: 346-5550.

Jim Rose Circus Side Show at the DNA Lounge. Weird & captivating 90 min show that resembles the circus sideshows of yesteryear—the only freakshow still touring the US—a traditional sideshow with a dash of the Modern Primitives movement thrown in. 7/15-16 at 8 pm. Tix $10. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 751-3129.

What Fools These Mortals Be by Fred Curchak. Curchaks' solo performance of "What Fools These Mortals Be—Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream Revisited," a Theatre of Yugen production. Curchak uses the Bard's immortal comedy to explore a variety of contemporary issues including repression, artistic self-censorship and sexual obsession. Performances at 8 pm, Wed-Sat, 7/15-18, Fri & Sat 7/24 & 25, 7/31 & 8/1, 8/7 & 8 at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St nr Alabama. Info/res: 621-0507.

The Mad Dancers, work in progress by Yehuda Hyman. First part of a 3-part trilogy based on "The Seven Beggars," a story by 18th century mystic, Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav. Combines storytelling, ecstatic dancing, klezmer music, humor & mystery to tell a tale of enchantment & spirituality. A Late Night Marsh production. Runs 7/11, 18 & 25 at 10:30 pm at The Marsh, 968 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Shrew, Charles Marowitz's macabre comment on gender roles, adapted from Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Plus Sam Shepard's sci-fi cowboy comedy, **The Unseen Hand**. Double bill runs Fri & Sat 7/10-11, 17-18, 23-25 and 7/31-8/1 at Studio 2505, 2505 Maripsa St at Harmpshire, SF. 8 pm curtain time for "The Shrew," 9:45 pm for "The Unseen Hand." Tix $10 for double bill, $6-10 SL for single program. Info/res: 824-2682.

The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard and **Black Comedy** by Peter Shaffer. Two one-acts by two masterful British playwrights utilizing physical farce and a lust for language. Ghost Light Theatre Co production. Opens 7/10, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/25. Tix $10. Marin Theatre, Mill Valley. Info/res: 755-3035.

The Professional by Dusan Kovacevic, translated by Bob Djurdjevic. World premiere of English version of this tragi-comedy by Yugoslavia's most popular playwright. Upstart Stage production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 7/9-8/2. Tix $12.50 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat, $20 opening night show & reception. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth (at the Cannery), SF. Info: (510) 527-3123.

Fred Astaire in Rehearsal, a new show created by Michael Smuin and Daniel Levenstein, featuring the music of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and others. Runs Wed-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 3 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 7/8-8/2. Opening night 7/18. At Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Tix $10-15. Info/res: 989-9132.

L'Amico Fritz by Mascagni. Special opera production by Berkeley Opera. All performances fully staged & presented with chorus & orchestra in English. Performances: 7/10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22 & 25 at 8 pm. 7/26 at 2 pm. 7/10 & 11 and 7/17 & 18 performances offer an elegant post-performance dinner. Tix $21 Fri & Sat nights, $18 otherwise, $39 opera and dinner. Info/res: (510) 524-5256.

Calypso: Teletronic Genius, SF-based performance artist Charles Herman-Wurmfeld reinterprets the classic Greek myth of the island goddess Calypso. 7/2 & 3 at Artists Television Acess, 992 Valencia St, SF. 7/10, 11 & 17 at Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Blg A, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, SL fee from $5 for srs, stdnts & low-income. Call 824-3890 for ATA tix, 885-4779 for Life on the Water tix.

Psycho: the Musical by Wayne Buidens, with original music & lyrics by Mark Sargent. Opens 7/10 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm in July, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm in August. Closes 8/31. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.

The Cemetery Club by Ivan Menchell. Humorous & poignant story of how fate, love & memories change the lives of three Jewish widows. River Repertory Theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 7/17-8/15. Jenner Playhouse (behind the gas station & store), coastal Hwy 1, 20 min west of Guerneville via Hwy 116. Tix $8 Fri & Sat, $6.50 Thurs. Info: (707) 865-2905.

Closer Than Ever, new musical revue about love, relationships & reality, by Richard Maltby, Jr & David Shire. Hillbarn Theatre project, part of the annual Festival of the Performing Arts at Foothill College. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2:30 pm on 7/19 & 8/2. Tix $12.50 gen'l, $10.50 stdnts & srs, $8.50 kids 12 & under. Info/res: 948-4444 or 349-6411.

SF Mime Troupe opens their 30th year of free programs in the parks with "Social Work: An Election Year Fantasy." It's early November, 1992, and the cops are baffled. Someone is snuffing the Bad Boys, all those rotten guys who are looting America. Whodunit? Make sure you catch the show and find out! Call 285-1717 for schedule info.

Light in the Village by John Clifford and **The Voice of the Prairie** by John Olive. Performed in repertory by Harvest Theatre Co. "Light in the Village," chronicles brutal collision between progress & tradition as the leaders in a third world village adopt a horrifying version of American culture. "The Voice of the Prairie" is about progress & tradition "woven through the magical ether of American radio." Previews 7/16 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat 7/16-8/8 at 8 pm; Sun 7/26 & 8/9 at 7 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Sun performances are pay-what-you-can. Ehrer Theatre, 225 Geneva Ave, SF. Info/res: 563-1431.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

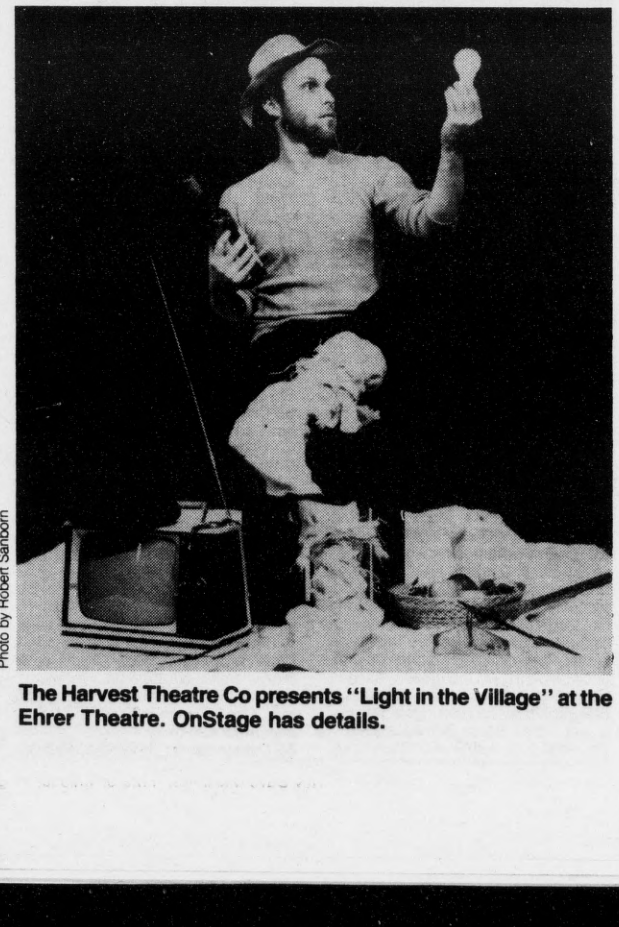
***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management,



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The Harvest Theatre Co presents "Light in the Village" at the Ehrer Theatre. OnStage has details.

education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV + Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV + Support Group spons by All Saints Parish. Wkly group for all HIV positive persons. Fun, relaxed, informative, supportive, spiritually-oriented (but no set doctrine or church membership required). Tues 7:30 pm. Facilitated by Judith Dunlop, pastoral associate. 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: 621-1862.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-in Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

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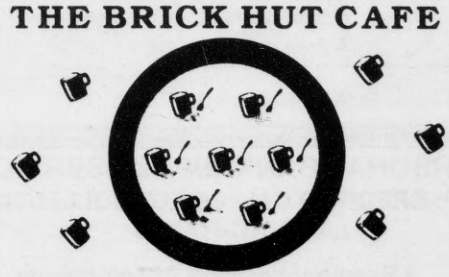
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in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

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Vocalist Julie Queen and special guest performers in a night of eclectic cabaret at The Marsh. Check Calendar for info.

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Al-Anon ACA Lesbian/Women Mtg in Pacifica: Tues at 7:30 pm, Pacifica Community Center, Hwy 1 at Crespi Dr. Info: Beverly 359-6364.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-In Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA): 12-Step group meets Sun 6-7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105. Info: Brian 821-1008.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm, 1st Tues of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

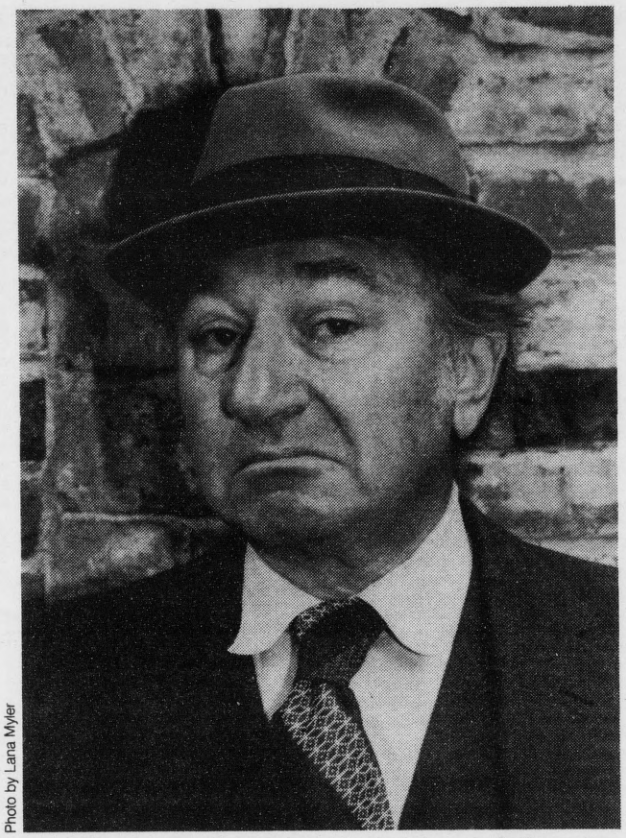
► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.



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Joe Bellan in "The Professional" July 9-Aug. 2. OnStage has info.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Environmental Health Network: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Women's Reading Group: Monthly potluck brunch & book discussion for women who are powerless over printed matter. Improve your mind & broaden your horizons. Info/location: Jill 255-7809.

Brewmistress: Informal group of women who are interested in brewing. Info: Lin 383-5345.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free,

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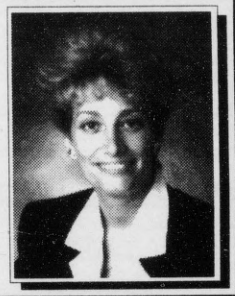

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confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222. .

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for parnters of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & LITERARY ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

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"Social Work: An Election-year Fantasy," the SF Mime Troupe's new show celebrating 30 years in the parks. OnStage has details.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Lesbian Chamber Music Group meets monthly for informal performance, reading & improvisation. Info: Lisa or Anne 621-0790.
Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Artist Support Group: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus occasional mtgs. SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.
TS-ART Transsexual artists/writers network. See Transgender Groups.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & committed to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.
Cocoons: Social/networking group for culturally diverse emerging painters seeks people committed to their artwork. Info: 431-8045.
Racially Diverse Lesbian Writers group welcomes new members. For location, time & other info call Debra (510) 653-4135 or Christina (415) 626-0475.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Chairs & bed available at mtg, 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.
Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.
QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
East Bay BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) meet last Sat of each month, 2-5 pm. BANGLE supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators and works for equality in education. Membership confidential. Info/newsletter: Ben Backus (510) 234-4627.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los

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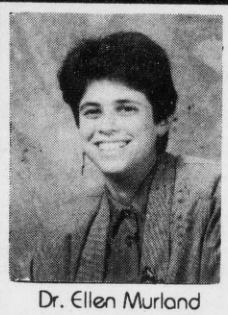
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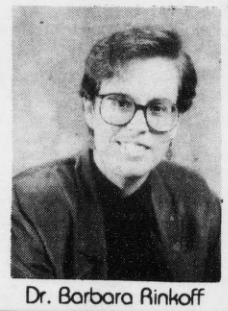
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Yoga and Relaxation for women with life-threatening and chronic illnesses; Breast Self-Examination; Group discussion with oncology nurse.

Support Groups Currently Taking Place: *Call for dates and times:*
Lesbians with Cancer *(meets in San Francisco)*; Grieving Lesbian Losses; Drop-in for Women with Cancer; Post Treatment; Friends and Family of People with Cancer; Grief Support (all stages, all illnesses).

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The Women's Building
3543 18th Street
7 - 9:00 pm

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) sponsors social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 23 and under.

Call **252-6059** for more information about LYRIC.

Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Shalom! halach'ti bezmano le'mifgashim shel kvoot'sat ha'homo'im vehalesbiyot hayisraelim/yisraeliyot vehaya mesha'amem pachad! Vegam hayoo yoter midai bachoorim. Ani rot'sa lehat'chil kvott'sa chadasha lelesbiyot bilvad. Ulai kvott'sa zo lo hmila hamat'ima. Me'oonyenet lit'sor eiso'shehi misgeret le'pgishot, bilooyim, kef, ve'tmicha. Be'ivrit, ve'ivrit bilvad. Nu... nishma ma'anyen? kitvi ma barosh shelach la'asot be'kvott'sa shekazot, et haktovet ve'hatelefon shelach, ve'et'sor itach kesher bekarov. Na'ama, 35 The Cresecent, Berkeley 94708.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.
Lesbian Friday Night Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.
Smokers Social Group: For smokers who feel more comfortable socializing with other smokers. Wkly card games, potluck, movies, video, outing & raps. Free. Info/location: 647-1479.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Eastbay Feminist Minyan: Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call 845-9711 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
Gay Spirit Drumming Circle meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

"Closer Than Ever" plays July 16-Aug. 2 at Foothill College. See OnStage for info.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics, and friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.
Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.
Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.
Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.
Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.
Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players. Info: Linda (510) 540-7540.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's

volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.
Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.
Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness—See Performance/Literary Arts.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Support/social group. Discuss & share info about living with mild MS. Info/location: 626-2216.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Women's Career Support Group: Share practical solutions to career & money issues in a supportive environment. Meets every other Tues, 7-9 pm. Mid-Peninsula location. Info: 508-1290.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.
Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.
Gay Men's Support Group: Tues eves in SF. Self-led group deals with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment & open to sharing in a structured setting are welcome. Info: Greg 626-1197.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
Flikker Network: Int'l network by, for & about female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info to write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.
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Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

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Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.
QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Wmen's Health Services and LYRIC. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.
Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and are interested in individual, family or group therapy. Positive, supportive place to explore your individual or family concerns. Spons by YMCA Family Outreach. Info: Josefa 342-5216.

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Shame Wasn't Built In a Day

'Twas the fortnight before Gay Freedom Day and all through the City, my friends were all manic, a-tither and bitchy. Their conditions were taxing yet handled with care, for we all knew that Gay Day soon would be there to turn our scheduled lives upside down with demands—planning duties for involvement in the event, hosting out-of-town guests, trying to score good drugs in advance, meeting deadlines at work in time to enjoy our goddamn day in some form. The day would most likely be wrecked anyway by fatigue and fabulousness, fearing the wrath of nightclub promoters as well as some mimosa-queen for not showing up at some gay monstrosity of a club or an annual pre-parade brunch, hoping with all your might that you'll not look like a walking corpse, and ultimately hitting a peak level of lust and appetite that will likely not be satiated in spite of the fact that there's a goddamn million of the motherfuckers out there to choose from, all in various states of undress to capture that tan that will be melanoma spots by Gay Freedom Day '95.

It was Friday night before the big Sunday and I was starting to look at the event like a pioneer woman looks at a swarm of crop-destroying locusts headed her way. The whole cake was iced perfectly until I learned that not only was Richard Hongisto riding in the parade, but there would also be a Gays for Perot contingent. Maybe later they'll be setting up a fag-bashing booth at the Civic Center for het men who've been cruised one too many times. Good training for living with an administration headed by a cross between Blake Carrington and L. Ron Hubbard, with a bit of the Ayatollah thrown in. Like Lynn Griffis, the self-mutilating MCC minister; Jerry Coletti, the alleged embezzling furrier of the Imperial Court System; any man who has ever used the term "shaved low-hangers" in a personal ad; and gay fans of professional sports, Gays for Perot are bona fide examples of Gay Shame. In fact, there should be a Lesbian and Gay Shame Week and Parade. They'd need a new parade committee for shame week, because the current committee for pride week wouldn't dare touch it for fear of implication.

As you can see, my pre-parade attitude was at its absolute lowest this year, coercing the killer inside me to fantasize wildly and the practical thinker to wail, "If you don't watch the Living Clean and Sober contingent, how will you know who to cross off your Christmas card list?" At least there would be free condoms tossed around, but I much prefer collecting them from the needle exchange. It gives the neighbors something to talk about.

MALIBU BARBIE AND SPOKEPOWER

In times of frustration and duress I often turn to one thing. The effects of PPS (Pre-Parade Syndrome) were calmed quickly at Brave New World where I caught a couple of local bands playing a benefit to help a women's organization send people to Baton Rouge to protect abortion clinics. I liked the slight Chuck Norris sound of this idea, but I liked it even more when the vocalist for Malibu Barbie, after a ripping opening song, said, "Anyone want to come up and stage dive?" pointing to the 14-inch-high stage. "Hey, it's legal abortion." I laughed really hard and also tried really hard to figure out why their vocalist changed from the first time I saw them only two weeks before. Wigs, that's why. That previous show at Fusion found Melody looking like a tough, big-haired Latino chick, with a saucy black outfit. At this benefit, she was a blonde earth woman gone nuts, spewing out vocals reminiscent of Bush Tetras or Poly Styrene, if she had grown up living in the Krishna Temple and getting lame.

Photo by Dead Billy

Malibu Barbie inviting would-be stage divers at Brave New World.

On guitar was the ever-lovin', black-haired raven of riff, Cara Crash, who kicks, but thought she was horrible that night. She wasn't. And she knows how to accessorize. On drums was Wanda, the only ex-member of 4 Non Blondes to ever sport a Mohawk. No slouch on the drums at all, and even better than before, it's good to see her in action again. Does this Malibu Barbie review sound sort of like a fashion report from *Vogue*, or what? It's as if they didn't rock, but they did. There have been many incarnations of Malibu Barbie over the years and I have to say that this current lineup is gonna be the one that works. To me they're like a brand-new band to keep an eye on.

Next up was the relatively young band Spokepower, a trio who are gigging quite a bit locally, have an impressive demo out and are earning a healthy amount of attention pretty quickly. Vocalist/guitarist Valerie has been performing solo acoustic for a while here in SF. She has a strong, mischievous voice and I've always liked her performances, but I really must say it's good to hear her rock and roll in a hard way—in fact, it's just plain better. The rhythm section, PW on bass and Dave on drums, gave a strong showing and the band in general seemed sharper, sporting some quirky and sort of complex arrangements that at times brought to mind the Minutemen. Way to go. Valerie's voice seems to effortlessly pick up the power of the electric wallop. Bringing up her volume to match a big sound adds a certain clarity, but the sound system left a bit to be desired vocally even though it was better than usual overall. Their set had a shaky start, but things whipped into good shape just fine. The band plans to tour the United States soon—a good idea—starting it all right away. KISS did it that way.

MISSED MEATPLOW

In keeping with the hurried, rushed life I was complaining about earlier, fate's merry hand must have seen to it that two shows featuring bands I really wanted to see were occurring on the same night at opposite ends of the City and I just had to try to see both. Therefore, I left Spokepower's show early and raced to the Clubhouse to see the L.A.-based band Ethyl Meatplow play the opening of Club Fuck!—an L.A. relocate that is likely to occur once a month now. The line was long outside so I schmoozed my way past the velvet ropes, but I couldn't schmooze my way past the $7 cover charge or the wretched fact that I missed Ethyl Meatplow. I hated that because their single, "Queenie" b/w "Whore" has become my favorite song. It's the chorus of "Fuckin' bitch cunt fuckin' dead Queenie dead till we die till we die till we die," or maybe the line, "Back breaking, tit wrenching, nauseating, blood stench." You can understand my disappointment.

Club Fuck! was very odd. There was much tattoo and leather and vinyl scary gear of the most expensive variety. The crowd must have been largely comprised of visitors from L.A. because I didn't recognize many faces in this sea of pierceitude. A performance began on stage, starting with scary tattooed guy whipping another scary tattooed guy with a ball gag while girl painted betadine on skinny boy. When they started inserting needles into his flesh I glanced away and saw a couple of familiar faces. This was what I had been waiting for, someone I could lean over to and whisper, "Isn't this a load of hooey?" I did, they agreed, we headed for the Detour.

Outside that regular neighborhood haunt the crowd had spilled out into the street, so we decided not to burrow on in but stand outside and chat. I had my cocktail from the last club with me and the streets were livelier than usual, so I was content to watch and flirt and sound off a bit. I was actually starting to feel that infectious party spirit hit me and I really didn't expect it. In the street a white stretch limo approached slowly with a gay male tuxedoed torso standing through the sunroof looking like a retardo dickhead. I quickly pointed to him and screamed at the top of my lungs, "Gay Shame!" The guys at the neighborhood bar understood.

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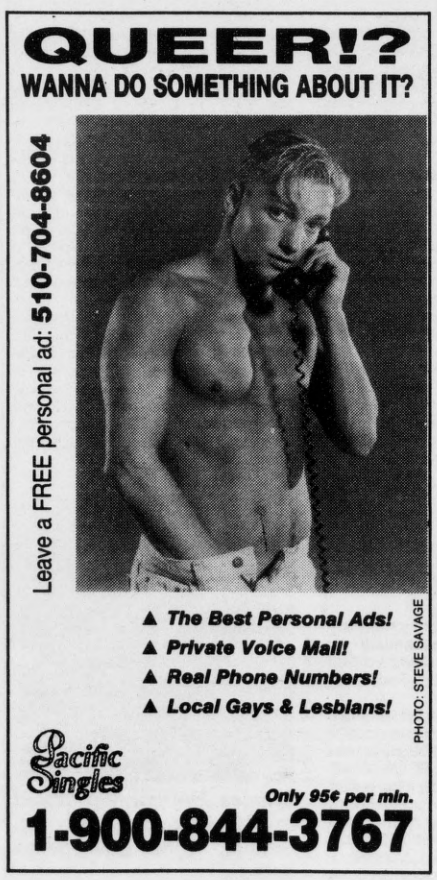

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Looking for Lesbians

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Cherrie Moraga speaking at the Nat'l Center for Women's Rights in June.

I quite enjoyed myself at the lesbian/gay film festival. Talk about dyke visibility! I liked almost all of the films I saw, the one exception being *Flaming Ears*, which I found incomprehensible. The fashion statement of the lead characters was something to behold, however—a mix of red vinyl suits, Mickey Mouse ears and fright makeup.

Lesbian fashion was the subject of Karen Everett's video, *Framing Lesbian Fashion*, which brought together Joann Loulan, Sally Gearhart and Kitty Tsui, among others, to discuss their dress styles in relation to the lesbian community. The fabled split between younger queer-oriented dykes and older feminist-oriented dykes was handled without the usual accusatory rancor, much to my relief. Watching Everett bearing the standard "Flannel Forever" as she rides in the parade was a hoot.

Another hotbed of dyke culture, the bar, was spotlighted in *Last Call at Maud's*, showing in a rough cut at the Castro. Bars have never been much of an attraction to me, since I don't drink and can't tolerate smoke. Nonetheless, they're there and sometimes the only place for lesbians to gather. As these bars shut down, their stories and those of the women who filled them need to be told. Joining in for this retelling of Maud's are Gearhart and Loulan, as well as Del Martin, Phyllis Lyon, Pat Norman and a host of others. There was only a hint of the footage shot at the closing of Amelia's, but the film looks promising.

Of the many shorts I saw, I was particularly impressed with *A Certain Grace*, which was filmed in San Francisco and details the relationship between two women that ensues when a photo shoot brings them together. Shot in black and white, the film explores beauty, intimacy and conflict in relationships, since the one woman lives with her boyfriend. Oops. Without any overt sexuality or even the word lesbian being said, the film has a strong lesbian sensibility.

The question of lesbian accessibility to film came up at a panel on lesbian filmmaking, which brought together producer Christine Vachon, director Azian Nurudin, (non-lesbian) director Yu-Shan Huang and director Cheryl Dunye. All agreed there is a dearth of lesbian feature films, but a plethora of video material which gets less attention. An interesting division opened between Vachon, who is known for her features with gay male directors—*Swoon* and *Poison*—and the others. At one point, Nurudin turned to her and asked, "Have you made films with women?" Vachon's response was to say she would have more choice in her work now that she's established.

Music videos were under discussion in presentations by Barry Walters and Marusia Bociurkiw. I was happy to see ABBA acknowledged for their queer subtext in Barry's program. I mean, really—"Dancing Queen," "Does Your Mother Know (That You're Out)?" It just screams at you. For far too long, I've felt alone in my ABBA infatuation, but now I feel validated.

Indeed, validation of our lesbian selves was a good part of Marusia's message. So often, she said, we have to be content with subtext rather than overt recognition. But, by watching with lesbian eyes, we transform the unspoken into reality. In this way, we can read lesbian subtext into work by undeclared or straight artists.

"It doesn't matter if they're straight," Marusia told me. She, in fact, was quite happy to decode Annie Lennox's "Julia" as an expression of repressed sexual desire and Michelle Shocked's "Memories of East Texas" as being a metaphor for lesbian sex. As Michelle says, "you have to watch out for all the curves..." I'll never hear that song the same way again.

"Sing You a Love Song," may be the next lesbian anthem after the rendering k.d. lang and Anne Murray gave it, courtesy of a Canadian TV special. Seated on two stools, the two songbirds faced off at k.d.'s suggestion and proceeded to turn this song upside down. The audience hooted uproariously at k.d.'s every move, particularly her shy grin, which said it all.

For pure camp, one couldn't beat the showing of *Can't Stop the Music*. The shot of Valerie Perrine, wearing a Macho Woman T-shirt, leading a pack of fags into the gym was classic. I found myself humming "YMCA" long after it was over. It's still a horrendously bad movie, though.

Debra Chasnoff received a hero's welcome when her Oscar-winning film, *Deadly Deception*, played the Castro. Chasnoff acknowledged the hometown support, which reached a deafening roar and a standing ovation as her acceptance speech was shown. Said Chasnoff, "I think part of the reason I was able to get up and make that speech is that I've been soaking up the courage and the political commitment that's in this room for many years."

Chasnoff was one of the speakers at the 15th anniversary celebration/benefit for the National Center for Lesbian Rights on June 26. Before the program, a reception and silent auction were held at the Herbst Theater. Quite the fish out of water, I enjoyed wandering the lawyer-laden room, gazing at all the corporate drag while nibbling on finger foods. I just don't get enough quiche in my diet. Things ran a tad long in the program, but Chasnoff and Cherrie Moraga had their time on stage in a kind of dyke talk show.

I did forgo one night at the festival to see Ellen James Society on June 19. The band dazzled, with Cooper, the barefoot wonder, providing thrills with her guitar work. The crowd by the stage gazed in admiration at the array of foot pedals she had spread before her. The band debuted three new songs and two new piercings amidst their 40-minute set.

Naughty comic Margaret Cho will be returning to make mischief at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint with Mark Davis July 15. Other upcoming shows include the return of Nymphs, including self-destructive, but compelling lead singer, Inger Lorre. The band is opening for Peter Murphy at the Warfield on July 11. I assume Inger's out of jail by now from her heroin bust. Penelope Houston and her band play Faster Pussycat on July 15.

GIRLS IN THE NOSE
Origin of the World

"Vulvacentric consciousness is at the heart of everything we smell," says Kay Turner, by way of explaining her band, Girls in the Nose. The album title refers to the vagina, as does the cover art, an artily rendered shot of a woman's crotch. One gets the impression there's no beating around, ahem, the bush with this band. Kay corrects, "We caress the bush. We don't beat around it."

The six Noses are a cheerful, twisted lot, with lyricist and frontwoman Turner setting much of the agenda. Take their song, "More Madonna, Less Jesus." Percussionist/vocalist Joanna Labow explains, "Our lead singer has been a champion of Madonna since her early days." Kay says of the teddied one, "She is the primo cultural force of the universe in bringing change and manifesting feminist consciousness and gay consciousness."

All out as lesbians, Girls in the Nose include healthy helpings of dyke-positive and woman-positive messages in their songs. "Hips" comes across as an updated version of "These Boots," as Labow warns, "Watch out. I'm carrying a wide load!" The exhilarating and informative "Breast Exam" takes the listener through the procedure, making it danceable, as well.

Turner hits her stride with "Hey Chastity" (The Come Out Song), which invites various closeted celebrities to "come out and play!" Set to a countryish melody, the song has up-to-date references, while also echoing womyn's music. It's warm, affirming, and in-your-face at the same time. *Origin of the World* is available through Ladyslipper or at A Different Light.

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My hero and great inspiration, M.F.K. Fisher, was seated at that great restaurant in the sky last week, at the wonderful age of 83. Mary Frances authored nearly 30 books and became the mother of modern food writing, speaking of all the human senses when speaking of food. With great love and admiration, I humbly dedicate this column to her memory.

Abbassali Zare opened **Zare Restaurant** in September of last year, in a charming space in the Upper Haight. Zare means farmer in Farsi, appropriately, since much of the food served is organically grown or produced. Zare and his family occupy the rooms upstairs, and you might catch his small children playing with their toys in the back room of the restaurant. Plans are underway to convert the rear space into a gourmet store featuring olives, mustards, oils and the foo-foo like. The cheery and bright front room, filled with green marble tables, fresh flowers and hardwood floors, serves as the main dining room, with a lovely patio space in the rear available for seating during lunch or the weekend brunch.

With a philosophy of serving wholesome food at reasonable prices, Zare succeeds in some respects, and falls short in others. For one thing, I found prices rather high, considering the simple preparations and the location. The restaurant seemed unprepared for a busy night, with only one waiter—as friendly as he was—on duty. The food itself, served on a variety of plate designs we enjoyed comparing, sounded better on the menu than it tasted. The wine list, although tiny, offers several terrific selections (1988 Carmenet Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, 1987 Guenoc Cabernet Sauvignon), at affordable prices. We found glasses of the 1988 Carmenet Cabernet Sauvignon ($6) and the 1990 Belvedere Chardonnay ($4) quite quaffable and complementary to the food.

Baked Brie ($5) in a crumbled walnut crust came warm and gooey, a ripe flavorful cheese that would have benefited from some toast or crackers. A salad of torn **Romaine Leaves** ($5) in a nondescript caesar dressing was mediocre, shy of croutons and dotted with kalamata olives and a lone cherry tomato. An appetizer portion of **Spinach Tortellini** ($6.50), bathed in a light gorgonzola cream sauce and sprinkled with chopped walnuts and fresh parmesan, needed another minute or so in the cooking water. Al dente does not mean the pasta sticks to the teeth, thank you very much.

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Entrees had the same amateurish quality as the appetizers: good attempts with tantalizing menu descriptions (annoying misspellings, here and there), but executions that missed the mark. My **Roast Duckling** ($11.50) in pomegranate/honey was actually topped by a cranberry-black pepper ragout, which worked, since the tart berries cut through the rich duck meat. A mound of basmati rice seemed an odd pairing, and the huge broccoli tree and asparagus tips were both raw and cold. Flowery basmati rice is better suited to the spiciness of Indian and Thai foods. **Smoked Chicken Linguine** ($9.50) epitomized the kitchen's ability to produce a bland, monochromatic dish out of one that sounded fabulous: delicately smoked nuggets of chicken, bits of sun-dried tomatoes, and slivers of shitake were tossed in a dull cream sauce with soggy linguine noodles. No eye appeal here, just beige, beige, beige. **Prawns** ($11.50), sauteed with tomatoes, black beans, cilantro and onions, were crunchy and aromatic—enjoyable but, again, oddly paired with basmati rice.

A rich chocolate Grand Marnier cake was heavenly: layers of chocolate sponge cake enveloped by smooth chocolate mousse. The other dessert option, unfortunately similar to the first, enjoined chocolate mousse, vanilla bavarian cream and ladyfingers, in a light and moist cake. The dessert course, I noticed, featured the most artfully presented dishes of the meal, but, alas, these cakes are prepared by Union Street's Nouvelle Patisserie. Desserts are $4 each.

All in all, the management of Zare ask a lot from their guests: the one server struggled to adequately serve all of his tables, menu prices are far from rock bottom, and food is simply not on par with comparable restaurants. One minute we're discussing the elegant glassware and flatware, the next we're wondering why the butter is served in disposable plastic tasting cups. On the positive side, at least the food is consistent: the ideas are fully developed—execution is the next step—but nothing tastes bad, portions are more than ample and service comes with a smile. The dining room is pleasant and comfortable. A place to run to, no, but Zare is worth a try.

Around Town

I was so happy to see that **Scenic India Restaurant** (532 Valencia at 16th) is doing well. The den-like room overflowed with satisfied customers one Saturday evening, munching on Samosa (fritters of spiced green peas in dough), nan (flat Indian bread) dipped in cool raita (yogurt-mint sauce) and curries of many varieties. Serving lunch and dinner daily, Scenic India offers gracious Indian service I have come to expect, and equally dependable blends of fresh meats and vegetables spiced gorgeously. Don't pass up the gulab jamun for dessert (fried Indian cheeseballs in a sweet syrup).

Perhaps I'm the lucky one, but the last few times I've eaten a burrito from **Rosie's Cantina** (Noe at 18th), the chicken has been laced with an assortment of cartilage and bone—not a welcome garnish. Ordinarily, Rosie's combines refried or whole pintos with meats, salsa and the like in hearty, flavorful ways, but I won't be subjected to eating what should be left to the stock pot. Maybe the beef is a safer bet—at least the remnants of that animal can be fashioned into a purse or a pair of sandals.

Try, try, try the **Thai House #2** (2200 Market at 15th). I never liked the Thai House #1, on Noe, but this newer incarnation makes some of the best Thai around. Service is friendly and shy, but on the slow side. Come here for the food—not a dining experience. Addictive egg rolls with sweet sauce, a rich Tom Ka Gai soup steaming with lemon grass, coconut and lots of chicken, and an above average Pad Thai (rice noodles with shrimp, tofu, peanuts, sprouts and egg) give hope to the prospect of some decent Castro restaurants.

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By Ching Chang

SF Opera's Rossini Bicentennial Closes With "Ermione"

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Frederica von Stade's timorous Rosina is rescued by Jeffery Black's vigorous baritone in his role as Figaro in the SF Opera's sub-par version of "The Barber of Seville.".

When I went to the lavish new production of *Guillaume Tell* (reviewed in the last issue) earlier in the SF Opera's Rossini bicentennial celebration, I was hoping that the ensuing offerings would have been at least as rewarding, if not better. As it turned out, *Tell* was the high point of this summer's celebration, which didn't bother me very much, but I was appalled at how incredibly stupid this summer's production of the *Barber of Seville* was. This pretentious post-modern production was doomed from its conception (and you tell me they searched so hard for meaningful symbolisms!).

The singing wasn't bad all the time (only most of the time), but why would a professional company even bother performing the *Barber* without top-notch voices? Whoever cast Jorge Lopez-Yanez as Almaviva should be consigned to a painful, slow death. I wonder if it has ever occurred to Lopez-Yanez that perhaps runs could be phrased, and that in ensemble work he could try singing with, rather than against, the other singers. I guess we should all be grateful that Almaviva's big final aria, "Cessate di piu resistere," was cut, or else God knows what he would have done with it.

While I respect Frederica von Stade's integrity, I hope she'll realize that she cannot carry out the role of Rosina on the strength of her chest tones alone. It is obvious that despite its substance, her mezzo does not fully attain coloratura agility, and hence von Stade herself is made vulnerable to all those "cento trappole" Rossini laid on Rosina's part. Jeffrey Black's Figaro was, thankfully, adequately spirited, but the "innovative" production and staging were so moronically conceived, not even his crotch-grabbing scene could save this production.

If one were to forgive the musical imbalances, who can possibly justify the adding of the superfluous recitative which precedes Rosina's balcony scene—it didn't even exist in the original production, and made the first act an hour-and-a-half long—while at the same time cutting the dazzling melismas at the end of the trio "Ah! Quel colpo innaspetatto"? All of this, of course, at times when people are supposedly concerned with historical accuracy in performance.

If this *Barber* was one of the most obscene projects the NEA could ever have funded, thankfully *Ermione* helped bring this Rossini bicentennial to a more positive conclusion last Sunday. As the after-parade festivities went on at full blast, the smaller crowd at the Civic Center's west end found itself indulged in a campy festivity all its own at the War Memorial.

This rarely heard opera is typical Rossini at his best, and the work offers singers and audience plenty of opportunity to indulge in luscious, unapologetic bel canto, with generous helpings of coloratura runs and bravura cadenzas. Forgotten for more than a century and a half after its 1819 premiere in Naples, these San Francisco performances of *Ermione* represent the opera's American premiere after its rediscovery in 1977, and even this time around it didn't receive a full staging. *Ermione*'s music is full of Rossini's usual thematic quotes from his other works, and he himself loved it, calling it his private "little *Guillaume Tell*." It is very puzzling to think that it did not succeed at all as others did in the standard repertoire.

The score employs several principal singers, most of whom are given showy stuff. Patrick Summers, a singer's conductor, deserves credit for leading a tight, polished reading of the score, and apparently had much to do with the success of this concerted production. *Ermione* is based loosely on a Greek drama, which was rewritten in the 17th century by Jean Racine. The title role, that of a jealous, scorned princess, was sung by Anna Caterina Antonacci. Antonacci got overexcited at one point, perhaps because she allegedly improvises all of her ornamentation on the spot, but otherwise sang handsomely, with a rich, and at times surprisingly dark, soprano tone.

Mezzo-soprano Kathleen Kuhlmann portrayed the role of Andromaca—the only supposedly unvicious protagonist in this opera—with poise and dignity, singing with a glowing tone. Sopranos Man-Hua Gao and Yanyu Guo, both from the People's Republic and Adler Fellows at the SF Opera, make us aware yet again of the stream of post-cultural-revolution talent. Singing with soaring, clear, limpid tones, especially Man-Hua Gao, they brought an unmistakable star quality—something which was sorely lacking amongst *The Barber*'s principals—to their secondary roles in the production.

In the demanding role of Pirro, tenor Hong-Shen Li—yet another excellent voice from the PRC—sang in his beautifully controlled vocal registration, despite his usual slips of intonation. The flow of his Italian is much improved and utterly (pun intended) understandable, but there is the problem that his carefully coached diction seems so formulaic that it damps a much needed Italianate passion. His Pirro was so sympathetic and lovable that I kept forgetting this man was trying to force Andromaca to choose between marrying him and saving her son's life.

Most of the ensembles were excellently performed, and within them, one could even forgive the rude awakening of tenors Jorge Lopez-Yanez (Oreste) and Craig Estep's (Pilade) "can belto" shrieks when they leap up to a high note. *Ermione* is not extremely innovative writing—though Rossini pioneered stylistic details, like eliminating the harpsichord in favor of strings for recitatives—but it is wonderful music. Let's hope it gets a fully staged production one of these days.

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By Gene Price

Geoff Hoyle: Master Clown

A couple of seasons ago Geoff Hoyle delighted local audiences with *Feast of Fools,* a sometimes raunchy but funny overview of clowning through the centuries. He took the show to New York where, despite good reviews (the *Times* buried it in a gardening column), it was deserted by its producers and died a whimpering death.

Hoyle, an original member of the Pickle Family Circus, is now back on home territory. His current one-man show, *The Convict's Return,* is the story of that devastating New York experience and his archival search for a Bobby Clark sketch from a 1940 Broadway show.

Using only a chair on a bare stage, Hoyle leads us through a blue-plate menu of New York existence. Humiliation and aggravation are his lot as he attempts to cope with a minuscule sublet and uncooperative plumbing. His Silly Putty body comes totally unglued when given the Indy 500 treatment by a mad cabdriver. He is patronized by well-meaning but snotty fans, ignored by his stage crew, chilled by the icy stare of the box office person.

He is taken to a chi-chi lunch by an oyster-slurping TV producer and her coterie of yes-men, and is promised immediate TV stardom. When he tries to call her back, the network advises him that "she doesn't work here anymore." A haughty curator in the Schubert Theatre's archives eventually hands him the elusive Bobby Clark script, but without publicity, advertising, or producers, his show closes.

Hoyle's sense of abandonment results in three wildly comic bits of wish fulfillment. In one, he plays a vaudevillian whose python swallows the arm of an audience member. Hoyle frantically urges the victim to tickle the back of the python's throat. In another skit, he is the out-of-control conductor whose *William Tell Overture* switches into overdrive and, when last seen, is hanging from the balcony, baton flailing wildly.

The Bobby Clark piece, a costume melodrama, features an increasingly berserk actor who is called upon to play all four male roles: convict, warden, father and butler. Wearing Clark's trademark painted-on glasses, Hoyle races in one door, out another, falls through windows and dives behind curtains to please the waterfall-wigged heroine, Sharon Lockwood.

The Clark sketch couldn't have been broader and, except for the fact that it has nothing of social or political import to reveal, might well have been lifted from a Mime Troupe production. The audience laughed its collective head off, but I preferred the actor's earlier jousting at New York's windmills—according to Hoyle.

The Convict's Return continues at the Stage Door Theatre through July 5. Call (510) 762-BASS.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid

A revised version of Theatre Rhino's 1990 musical hit *Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid* just completed its Tuesdays-in-June revival at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint. Unable to extend due to prior commitments by the local

Photo by Ken Friedman

Geoff Hoyle comes at ya in "The Convict's Return," thru July 5 at the Stage Door Theatre.

cast, *Dirty Dreams* enjoyed SRO houses. A Chicago company is also continuing a successful run and a Los Angeles production is currently in the works.

Written and directed by Henry Mach with a musical score by Paul Katz, this streamlined revue featured Samm Gray, Todd Menard, Buddy Montgomery and Ron Johnson as the four guys waiting for the results of their HIV tests.

Stripped down to its musical essentials and with fewer choreographic distractions, the current production moved briskly while still allowing the performers to create individual personalities. Its delineation of four disparate men facing uncertain futures is poignant and funny, sensitive and incisive. (In my opinion, the musical's emotional impact would be even more forceful if the three reprises were cut and four of the weaker songs were deleted.)

Basically an ensemble show, some of the better group numbers included "Dirty Dreams," "Don't Get Carried Away," "Bad Sex" ("What if the condom breaks? What if he's Republican?") and "God, It Was Good." The latter song, one of my favorites, bears a striking resemblance to "Nowadays" from *Chicago.*

Buddy Montgomery, in good voice and looking like the original clean-cut kid, sang the touching "Uncle Sammy," a tribute to a relative whose life was ruined by an exposed sexual indiscretion back in 1963.

Handsome Todd Menard lent his big voice to "I'm Not Afraid of the Dark" and a rousing "San Francisco Leather Daddy, 2001." Samm Gray, too long absent from the cabaret stage, reprised his 1990 performances of the delightful "Going Uptown" and, backed by the three doo-wop boys, "Could You Make Love to Me?"

Ron Johnson (I was mystified as to what stereotype his funky costume was supposed to represent) was vocally impressive on "Favorite Faded Jeans," as well as his witty "Prettier Than You" and the self-defensive "I Hate It When I Dream About Happiness."

As directed by Mach, the four men's performances complement each other beautifully. Without undue emphasis on sentiment, the show made its own statement about sharing and caring. The fine vocal arrangements were by Thaddeus Pinkston and the accompaniment tapes were performed and produced by Bob Bauer. After the first half-dozen numbers, however, the persistent percussive beat became a mild annoyance. The human voice played second fiddle to the synthesizer. I longed to hear a simple piano accompaniment to some of the more tender ballads, if only to break the monotony of that impersonal tempo.

Of Mice and Men

REVIEWED BY DEAN GOODMAN

Famed for his compassionate novels about farm and cannery workers, John Steinbeck wrote no more poignant study of these people than *Of Mice and Men,* now on local boards in a superlative production well-directed by Keith Phillips for the San Francisco Actors Theatre.

Akin to ancient Greek drama, with the seeds of destruction evident in the early scenes, Steinbeck's treatment of his theme moves with powerful force toward inevitable tragedy.

Lennie is an overgrown, slow-witted man who is protected and guided by his friend George while they move from one job to another as California farm laborers. In the opening scene, George movingly explains to Lennie why they are different from other farmworkers who, he says, have no one to care for them. "We're different," he says, "because I've got you and you've got me."

The human need for simple companionship and understanding is the theme Steinbeck explores throughout the play. At the ranch in the Salinas Valley where the two men go to work as hired hands, other characters suffer from the same loneliness. Candy finds consolation in his pet dog; Crooks, the Black man, lives alone and separately from the white workers; Curley's wife visits the men's bunkhouse because, she says, she yearns for someone to talk to. Although the novel was published and the first stage version produced during the Depression, the central theme of Steinbeck's work is timeless and just as pertinent and potent today as in 1937.

Chris Phillips gives a touching portrayal of Lennie, the big oaf who doesn't know his own strength and kills the things he loves out of too-strong tenderness. Ian Hirsch is no less effective as George, realistic and unsentimental but loving as he cares for his retarded friend. Their final scene, as George explains once again why they are different from other farmworkers, is heart-wrenching.

Louis Parnell does fine work as Candy, while David Grillo, Raleigh Scovel, David Chase, Jack Halton, Michael O'Connell and Richard Harder are all equally good as men cooped up together in a bunkhouse, with nerves straining toward explosion. Director Phillips has drawn excellent ensemble playing from these men.

Unfortunately, Sallie Romer as Curley's wife gives the one off-key performance in the production. Overly made-up and too self-consciously seductive, in my estimation she belies Steinbeck's intent. The character is only tartish in the sexually frustrated eyes of the men; in reality she is simply lonely and merely seeking companionship. Phillips' staging of the obligatory scene between Curley's wife and Lennie is also troublesome, in my opinion. The text indicates that each character is operating on a different wavelength, but Phillips has the actors playing most of the scene nose-to-nose, as if they were really listening to each other. A clearer sense of isolation would be projected if they did not relate quite so specifically.

Overall, however, the production is a major achievement for this company. The staging of the fight between Lennie and Curley is extremely good; sound effects of a howling wind add a mournful touch; and Steve Coleman's sets are fine. It's a triumph for the Actors Theatre, a company growing increasingly important on the local theater scene.

Of Mice and Men continues Thursdays through Sundays at the Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St. Call (415) 296-9179.

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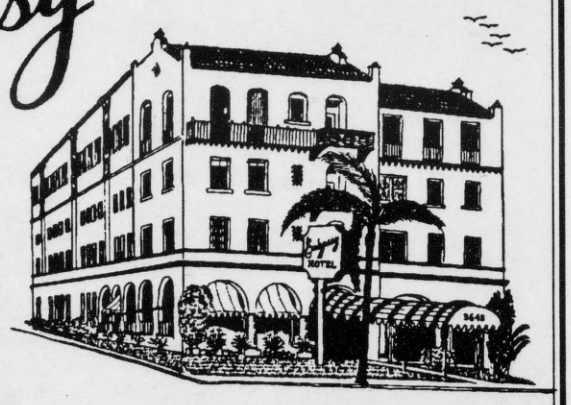

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Maybe It's Maybelline

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

He's got the same birthday as Barbra Streisand and Shirley MacLaine, but he's more like the woman with the incredible vocal chords than the woman who often seems to reside in outer space.

He's featured in a Gap ad wearing a fishtail dress with a denim jacket over his shoulders.

He's Lypsinka, the celebrated New York drag performer who recently modeled for internationally acclaimed French designer Thierry Mugler in Paris, Tokyo and Los Angeles. Lipsinka comes to San Francisco July 7 for a one-month engagement at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, in a world premiere of his new show, *Now It Can Be Lipsynched.*

Lypsinka, who appears later this month in Sandra Bernhard's HBO special and next month in another HBO special, is no stranger to San Francisco. He premiered his critically acclaimed *I Could Go On Lipsynching* at Josie's last year.

The new show, a takeoff of Geraldo Rivera's "Now It Can Be Told," is a tell-all expose of the life and times of Lypsinka. "It came out of a depression I had two years ago," Lypsinka, alias John Epperson, says during a recent phone interview from New York.

"The depression dispersed when I opened at Josie's and San Francisco loved me," he says. Looking back at that depression, Lypsinka uses it "as subtext in the show," which takes place backstage in an imaginary dressing room where he's having a breakdown.

"The previous show was about being nutty," Lypsinka admits. "This one's about being nutty as well as having something to say." Some of the heavier issues dealt with in the show include the loneliness and the pressures of being a performer.

"One of the pressures is being solitary," Lypsinka says. "I don't share a dressing room with anybody else. As Jane Fonda used to say, you've got to learn how to turn loneliness into solitude. Use the time alone for something constructive."

Epperson, 37, was born in Hazlehurst, Mississippi and went to a small Presbyterian college in Jackson, the state capital. After college he "bummed around" in Colorado and Mississippi for a while before ending up in the Big Apple in 1978. He worked for 12 years as the rehearsal pianist for the American Ballet Theater, but during that time longed to be on stage rather than behind the scenes rehearsing performers.

"The rehearsal pianist is the lowest person on the totem pole," he says. "A little over a year ago I said, 'I'm not coming back.' I'm so glad I don't have to work there. I grew to hate it."

The name "Lypsinka" came one day like a "light bulb over my head." Epperson was always fascinated by lipsynching drag queens who pretend to be singing songs by the greats, often dressed like these same women.

But Epperson found lipsynching "an artificial, absurd art form. It's like watching theater of the absurd." He traveled to Paris in the summer of 1981 where he found "lipsynching drag queens doing it as an art form."

"I wondered if it couldn't all be put together in one character," he says. In 1982 he started performing as Lypsinka in New York City. The world has never been the same. And neither has John Epperson.

Lypsinka feels attitudes about drag and drag performers are changing all over. Of course, they need to change more. Even in the queer community.

But the queer community's attitude toward drag has changed a lot in the last decade, Epperson feels. "I see people at Wigstock [a big New York drag event]—the butchest men—dressing in wigs," he says. "Fourteen years ago that never happened. When the butch clone thing was all the rage, drag queens were ostracized."

Some of the changes in the queer community probably have to do with AIDS, Epperson says. "The AIDS crisis seems to come out of the butch clone thing when everybody was going to the Mine Shaft (a popular New York S/M sex club)," he says. "Now everyone wants to be perceived as outrageous rather than actually doing it." And drag is a good way to do this, Lypsinka feels.

The love affair between Lypsinka and the city of San Francisco is a mutual one. For Lypsinka, San Francisco is "kind of the best of New York and Los Angeles. It's airier, no tall buildings, except in the downtown area, and it has the street feel in some neighborhoods, which is exciting, especially the Castro."

Macrobiotic for ten years now, Lypsinka has only had difficulty finding vegetarian food in one place: Venice, Italy. He feels macrobiotics "makes my skin look better." And it probably makes him feel better, too, he says. San Francisco is one place he won't have trouble finding macrobiotic food.

Lypsinka can't comment much on local drag performers because he hasn't seen many of them. But he does admire Miss X.

Maybe it's telling that local drag star Doris Fish told Lypsinka before his death, "I used to be somebody, now it's your turn."

Says Lypsinka, "I guess she was passing on the mantle."

Now It Can Be Lipsynched *runs July 7-Aug. 2 at Josie's, 3583 16th Street at Market, 8 pm, with 10 pm shows on July 10, 17 and 31. For ticket information, call (415) 861-7933.*

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Ceremonies

By Essex Hemphill
Penguin Books; 1992, $10

REVIEWED BY THOM BEAN

Essex Hemphill is a gifted writer with rare insight. When the proofs for *Ceremonies* came, this reviewer looked forward to reading Hemphill's new work. *Ceremonies* is divided into six sections. Sections one and six are poetry only. Section four is prose only. The rest are both poetry and prose. The table of contents indicates that section six is selections from two collections previously published by Hemphill, *Earth Life* and *Conditions*, in 1985 and 1986.

As this reviewer began to read, selections from other previously published collections and anthologies stood out. Works from *Tongues Untied* (the book), *In the Life*, *The Road Before Us*, *Brother to Brother*, *Earth Life*, and *Conditions* were included, as well as other works which had been previously published in various magazines. It is not uncommon to see the same poetry or prose in different anthologies. What is unusual is revisiting work from one collection in another collection.

There is some new work in this collection. This reviewer enjoyed Hemphill's prose even more than his poetry. Absolutely brilliant is "Miss Emily's Grandson," "Commitments," "Does Your Mama Know?" and "Ceremonies," from which the title is taken. The themes are varied. "To Be Real" is about Jenny Livingston's *Paris Is Burning*, drag, legends, houses, Bangee boys and balls. "To Some Supposed Brothers" does not have anything to do with gay life at all! "American Hero" and "If Freud Had Been a Neurotic Colored Woman" touch on the offense some Black men feel about interracialism and homophobia in the Black community.

Few writers can turn a phrase as well as Hemphill. In "Commitments," he captures the barrenness many gay men feel in their lives:

> In the photos
> the smallest children
> are held by their parents.
> My arms are empty, or around
> the shoulders of unsuspecting aunts
> expecting to throw rice at me someday.

In "Miss Emily's Grandson Won't Hush His Mouth," Hemphill establishes a powerful character and image with just a few well-chosen words:

> To all of her friends, neighbors, and the church sisters, she was "Miss Emily," but to our family she was always "Mother," "Grandmother," or "Nana," names that are for us synonymous with faith, love and selflessness.

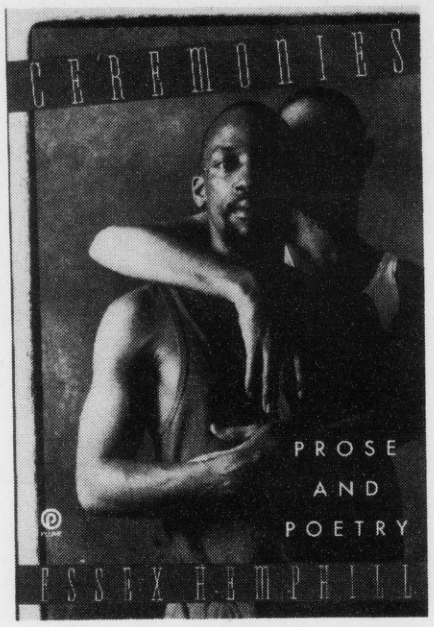
After reading some of her grandson's work, Miss Emily said,

> "These are very good poems, Essex, but they are a bit disturbing." ...She then looked me directly in the eye and smiled just a little slyly before asking, "Essex, do the authorities know what you are writing about?"

And in "Visiting Hours," we laugh at the folly and irony of a "nine thousand dollar a year" rent-a-cop protecting European artwork:

> Fuck a Remb-randt!
> And if I go off,
> you'd better look out, Mona Lisa.
> I'll run through this gallery
> with a can of red enamel paint
> and spray everything in sight
> like a cat in heat.

Hemphill further explores "the experience of being a Black gay man" in his own special way in this collection. His wit is sharp, and should you have an opportunity to see him perform, you will find his ability to tell a story spellbinding. This reviewer eagerly looks forward to all new works by Essex Hemphill.



The Fountain

By Jeffery Beam
North Carolina Wesleyan College Press; 1992, $8.50

REVIEWED BY KENNY FRIES

I first encountered the poems of Jeffery Beam when co-editing an anthology of lesbian and gay poets in 1984. I always thought it unfortunate that the publisher of that book went bankrupt just as we were to go to press, because perhaps that book would have given Jeffery Beam's poems the wider audience his work deserves. Since my first introduction to Beam's poetry, I have looked forward to reading his poems whenever I could find them. Now, with the publication of the beautifully designed *The Fountain*, the North Carolina Wesleyan College Press makes finding Beam's work a little easier.

Simply wrought, but dense with meaning, Beam's poems in *The Fountain* demonstrate his singular ability to draw on many traditions at once. Blake, Whitman, and William Carlos Williams, nods to Dickinson and Gertrude Stein, can be discerned in these lines—but Beam weaves them together with a visionary magic that is all his own.

Beam writes confidently in the voices of both Hadrian and Antinous, the emperor's lover, or in the voice of a bee. In the poem "Always," Beam, who lives with his lover in rural Orange County, N.C., embraces the natural world. These poems, always in free verse, take many forms. One poem even takes the shape of a snake. In many ways Beam's is a poetry of alchemy—a poetry of spiritual, mystical, and even religious dimensions.

"There is a song inside me" begins "The Song," the poem that serves as epigraph to this collection. The poem continues a few lines later: "I will not give in to the Puritans." And just as Beam refuses to write in whatever style is currently the going mode, so too, his lover-heroes Hadrian and Antinous defy convention, and try to defy death through their love in the poems "Antinous in Egypt" and "Hadrian, From His Villa, Alone."

These two lovers communicate despite what separates them. Even after death, Antinous attempts communication with his lover. Antinous speaks through his messenger, a falcon, and describes his love for Hadrian in terms the bird, as well as his beloved, will understand:

> You served me well. At the end your
> hooded sleepy face never betrayed
> the wilderness in your blood. The hungry
> talons: so like myself in my impetuous love.
> Clutching for him took the uncanny
> form of physical drowning in a spiritual glove.

Here, Beam demonstrates his ability to get the tone for his poem just right. The other-worldly, impassioned yet resigned tone is precisely voiced. The end-rhymes of "hungry" and "uncanny," and "love" and "glove" provide the stanza with a tenderness and a coherence that grounds the poem's emotions in a reality that defies the lovers' situation.

Later, the first section of *The Fountain* ends with Hadrian's response:

> Colder. Rarer perhaps,
> than the storm.
> Wait for me where
> the creeping moss grows.
> I know you will find
> something to think about.
> Listen, it's hard enough
> to send messages by bird.
> I have to send these
> shorn and braided
> by bottle. Goodnight, love.
> I'll write again when
> the rain ceases.

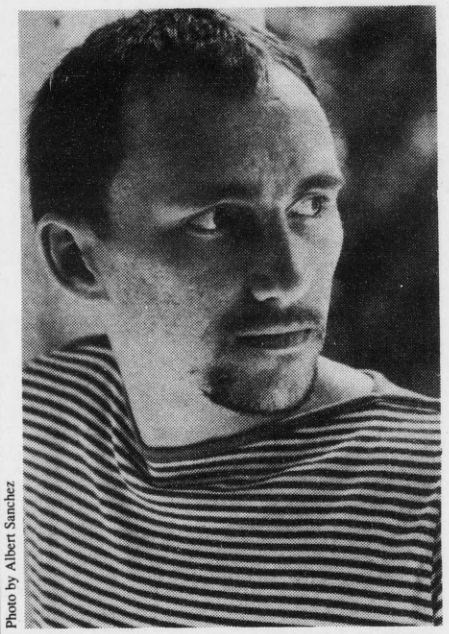
Thus, Beam gives to us, through Antinous and Hadrian, a brief history of male-male love, of surpassing the difficulties in love through the ages, and in his use of communication—after loss, through separation and after death—these two poems resonate for us as we deal with the loss of our friends and lovers today.

Beam clearly is a poet who is led by the natural, by intuition, by his senses. In "The Prodigal," the speaker, who is lost in the forest, asks the moon to come out to light his way, asks the sumac to point him in the right direction, and ultimately wants to be taught that "I am mother/to my destination." The poet asks us to trust our instincts and to trust in nature. He tells us that the direction our love—and our lives—take, even when we encounter difficulty, is the proper direction. Faith will ease despair.

The Fountain is the latest example of Jeffery Beam's faith in the song that is his poem. With the clever innocence of a sophisticated child, he finds direction through what he finds around him and puts what he finds to use. Jeffery Beam is a poet who takes nothing for granted and possesses a spirit which revels in the physical sensations of being alive.

When was the last time you read a book of poems and ended your reading with a smile? And then you wanted to read the book again to discover exactly what it was that enchanted you so? *The Fountain* is such a book of poems. If your local bookstore doesn't carry this book, tell them to order it from North Carolina Wesleyan College Press, 3400 N. Wesleyan Blvd., Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Jeffery Beam is a poet who deserves a wide audience. His poetry is an essential antidote to our times.

Kenny Fries received the 1991 Gregory Kolovakos Award for AIDS Writing, as well as a Lambda Literary Award nomination for his book of poems, The Healing Notebooks (Open Books, 1990).



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Jeffery Beam

Just As I Am, A Practical Guide to Being Out, Proud, and Christian

By Rev. Robert Williams
Crown Publishers; 1992, $19

REVIEWED BY JACK FERTIG

You may remember the Rev. Robert Williams from recent headlines. He's the terribly outspoken queer Episcopal priest who made such a to-do when he said that Mother Teresa should get fucked. Of course, he meant it in the nicest possible way.

In his new book, *Just As I Am*, Rev. Williams continues to make outrageous statements, many of which need to be said. The title comes from a fundamentalist hymn which declares that God "loves me just as I am." Just what he is, is proudly, unabashedly, militantly queer. He explains his use of the Q-word, and uses it throughout. Nowhere is he subtle or apologetic. He is a militant queer Christian preaching the good news, and treating the church as bad news.

In short, this is a very helpful book for cradle Christians wrestling between their sexuality and their Christian background. Bread indeed for starving souls, but it needs to be taken with a bit of salt! If your fundamentalist relatives insist on arguing scripture with you, by all means read this either for the strength to find their arguments irrelevant, or for ammunition to take them on.

Rev. Williams, raised as a fundamentalist, converted to the Episcopal church because he saw Episcopalians having more fun. Now he combines fundamentalist enthusiasm with Anglo-Catholic High Church theatrics. And he has five planets in Leo. Scary queen! He also combines a fundamentalist's ready reference to chapter and verse with an Episcopalian sense of adaptive logical reason. Go, girl!

He loves Christ, accepts Jesus as his savior, and with all due respect to other religions, offers the power of Christ to all who may receive it. And he really is good about respecting other religions. As much as he loves Christ he loathes the institutional church, and calls it—in all its various denominations—to task for a variety of grievances. Go, girl!

The power of fundamentalist faith shines through his text. He fervently believes in the love, the strength, and the healing power of Jesus. Having studied trends in liberation theology, he quotes Black and feminist writers, and various scriptures to offer a doctrine of Jesus as a queer liberating god incarnate. He also quotes a multitude of sources ranging from Augustine to Arthur Evans, weaving them together quite delightfully. He provides gems of brilliance from books you probably wouldn't want to wade through, but now you'd be able to quote. For the hardy and adventurous, there is an excellent bibliography.

In his references to God he alternates evenly between masculine and feminine pronouns. He's also very conscientious about referring to folks in general in both masculine and feminine terms and situations.

Williams' openness and spontaneity make him highly readable, but the straight-from-the-hip approach also creates a number of problems. When he's good, he's very, very good; but when he's bad, it glares!

Rev. Williams likes to remind his readers that he was the first openly gay man to be ordained an Episcopal priest, even though he was not. Even before Williams was gathering semen in his seminary, Bishop Swing in San Francisco ordained the Rev. Michael Wyatt.

But spiritual crusaders, if they are truly honest, walk a difficult line. A spiritual life and any spiritual experience is entirely one's own. Here Williams relates his own experience, his own values, and what is important to him as he feels it should be important to us all. Indeed, he offers a great deal that should be important to a great

many people. How does one do this without seeming to be a dreadful egomaniac? It's a challenge I'm sure I would fail, and so does Rev. Williams. Actually, for five planets in Leo, he's not so bad.

Rightfully, Williams points out that the high and mighty have long counseled humility to the disenfranchised; that the notion of pride as a sin has been used as an oppressive tool. Williams refuses to accept that pride is a sin, but in his case it is quite a mixed blessing.

Like so many crusaders against dogma, Williams is more than a little dogmatic. For example, he presents wonderful information about the special spiritual gifts that gay men and lesbians may share with the greater community and among themselves. His information on queer tribal priests in pagan societies is nothing new, but it is especially welcome placed in a Christian context. Then he goes typically overboard asserting that *all* homosexuals are *berdache* queer priests who should glorify their queerness. To any homos who seek a "normal" lifestyle, Williams says, "you are denying your very self and ignoring your queer vocation." Sorry, Bob. It's one of the saddest discoveries in my 20 years of cocksucking, but some homos just aren't queer; and they have every right to be just as dull as they want. Like a lot of writers who have addressed the role of *berdache* shamans, Williams overlooks the distinction between sexual orientation and gender identity. It is clear even from his own descriptions that it was gender identity that defined the *berdaches*.

He also drops 12-step references throughout the book, and then devotes an entire chapter to trashing the 12-step programs. He also dismisses the bulk of non-chemically focused "addictive behaviors" as not being truly addictive because they are not impossible to stop, just very painful. Pay attention, Bobby! All those alcoholics and addicts in recovery also found their addictions not impossible to stop, just very painful. Also, Williams' defense of social drinking is so vehement, one may tempted to wonder if he "doth protest too much."

But he does love to protest, and there is certainly a lot that deserves his vehemence. For the most part his targets are well-selected and his canons are well-loaded. His militantly queer understanding of Christ, of sin and redemption, and of healing are indeed welcome good news. His extremism will delight some, alienate others, and bemuse the critically open-minded. Rev. Jack Bob says: No breasts, lots of Queer fu and Christ fu, no wishy-washy foo-foo. Check it out.

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By Gene Price

Angelina Reaux Sings Weill

Angelina Reaux, singer/actor extraordinaire, brought her concert, *Weill on Broadway,* to San Francisco for five nights and set some new standards for pop/cabaret vocalists.

Not just another show tune singer, Ms. Reaux's intelligent vocal reading, colored with an innate sense of dramatic revelation, reflected her complete immersion in the composer's work. She treated each song as though it were a mini-musical. Her rich, elegant voice is precisely articulated, lush in its chest tones, feathering off in its high notes to an infinite pianissimo. A slight hand gesture, the suggestion of a smile, reflect the most subtle and natural interpretation of a lyric.

Born and reared in Houston of Spanish and Cajun parents, Ms. Reaux's show business debut was not an auspicious one. As the Beggar Woman in *Sweeney Todd,* she tripped up in the mechanism of the barber's chair, dropped through the trap door, and broke both legs.

During an extended recuperation, she began a serious study of opera. Leonard Bernstein heard her, then met her, then cast her as Mimi in his production of *La Boheme.* She has since starred in the new recording of Weill's *Street Scene,* Blitzstein's soon-to-be-released opera *Regina,* and her own Weill album, *I'm a Stranger Here Myself.* (Is this or is this not the perfect scenario for a 1940s Warner Brothers musical?)

Ms. Reaux's immediate future includes appearances in Offenbach's *Bluebeard* in Los Angeles, concerts with the Boston Pops, a concert in England, and an opera in Santa Fe.

She opened her local concert with four songs from *Huck Finn,* a 1950s musical, with text by Maxwell Anderson that was never completed. "The Catfish Song," "Apple Jack" and "River Chanty" were, as their titles suggest, evocative of back-country folk music.

Alan Jay Lerner's "Mr. Right" and "Is It Him or Is It Me?" revealed the singer's talent for utilizing her expressive dark eyes for comedic effect, while Langston Hughes' "Lonely House" offered a breathtaking evocation of midnight isolation.

Two songs from a 1944 Broadway flop, *The Firebrand of Florence,* with lyrics by Ira Gershwin, included the passable but not memorable "Sing Me Not a Ballad," and one of the concert's two losers, "Love Is My Enemy." The cabaret standard, "My Ship," with Ira Gershwin lyrics from *Lady in the Dark,* found particular favor in the singer's wistful reading.

Reaux closed with two encores, a rollicking "Way Out West in Jersey" (blessedly dropped from the movie version of *Venus*), and an elegant ballad presented to her by the Weill Foundation, "This Time Next Year," from the unproduced *Huck Finn.*

Robert Kapilow, musical director and pianist, provided impeccable accompaniment while lavishing adoring smiles at the singer—a minor distraction.

Old Wives' Tales Events

Tuesday, July 7, 8pm—K Kaufman and **Catherine Dee,** authors of ***The Women's 1992 Voters' Guide*** and **Judith L. Boice,** author of ***The Art of Daily Activism,*** will discuss personal and political activism for the '90s—helping women make our voices heard in the election and year round.

Thursday, July 9, 8 pm—Penny Rosenwasser interviewed women shamans, activists, teachers, artists and healers for her "Women of Power" program on KPFA. Tonight she'll discuss her newest book, ***Visionary Voices,*** a collection of interviews with Deena Metzger, Papusa Molina, Winona LaDuke, Fran Peavey and others.

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July 12th, Sunday, 7:30 PM — *Waiting for Godette* playwright **CHRISTIAN HUYGEN** reads from his new play, *A Hole in the Sky.* Reading along with him will be performance artist **JENNIFER LOCKE.**

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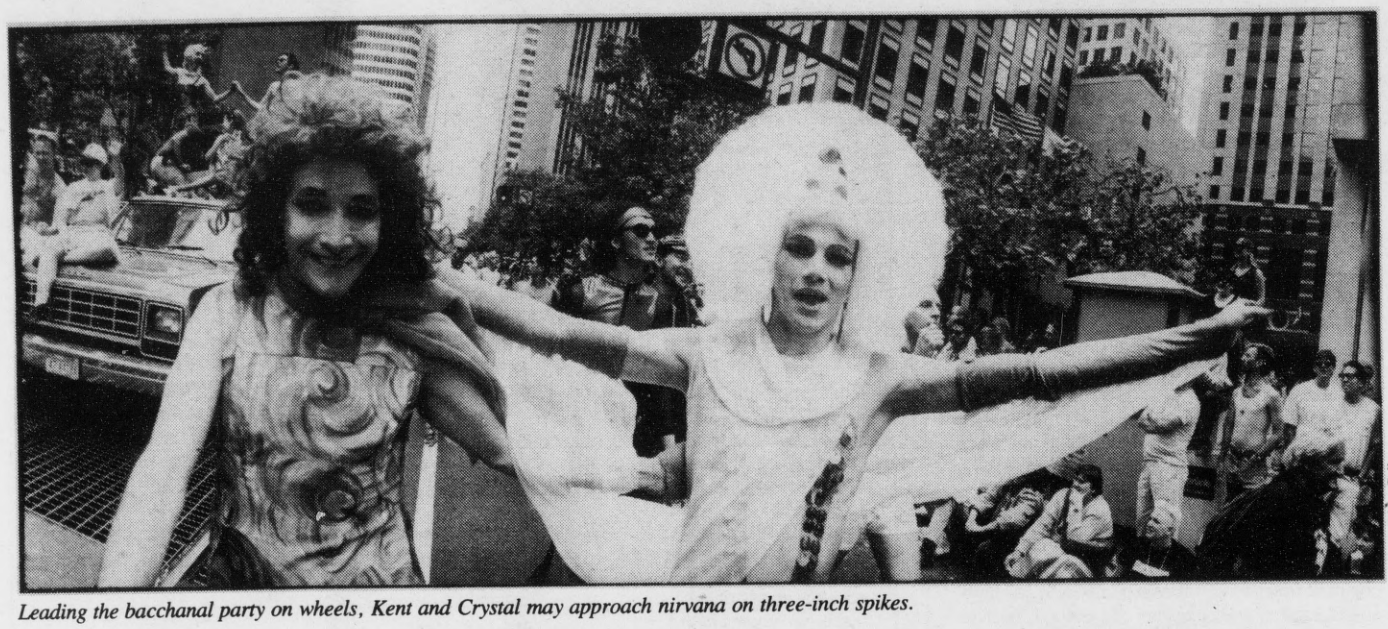

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Leading the bacchanal party on wheels, Kent and Crystal may approach nirvana on three-inch spikes.

The Dirt Ball: The Float That Would Not Go Away

This year, the Christian hatemonger crackpots must have been disappointed by Club Uranus' parade entry, the Dirt Ball. Our annual float featured no nude go-go boys gyrating atop speakers, openly tickling their secret special places, unwittingly providing the Right with our traditional widely distributed controversial video footage.

Our float has been prominently featured across the country in numerous homophobic contexts, a favorite edit of Donald Wildmon's American Family Association, Senator Jesse Helms, the Traditional Values Coalition, and the Proposition M gay rights repeal effort in Concord, who are all using snippets of our fabulous, naughty revelry to show the world the evil and impending threat of homosexuals, and what happens when they take over a community. Currently our float from two years ago is enjoying a position as the centerpiece of the [OCA] anti-gay video in Oregon.

Of course, if it weren't Club Uranus, it would be someone else: perhaps sagging and pasty buttocks, drooping from drop-gate chaps at the Folsom Street Fair, or grommeted lift-and-separate leather-jockstrapped daddies at Up Your Alley.

This year, Slut Nation, a ragtag, ad hoc collection of sexually generous folk, assuredly took our place, providing ample opportunity to horrify Bible thumpers.

Entering a float into the parade is a bureaucratic nightmare for our team of responsible rocket scientists. Float/March applications were due April 3, requiring proof of $1 million of insurance for parade day, and a predetermined driver. Six days before the Parade, Michael Blue and I didn't know whether or not we felt like doing a float, let alone who would drive it, or *how* to get insurance. Somehow, however, we pulled together a truck, a generator, a sound system, and, with the generous aid of Float/March Co-Chair Gilbert Baker, made a place for our Dirt Ball.

Michael Blue and I divided the work evenly. My job was to take care of the paperwork, get it insured, organize contingent monitor trainings, find a truck, locate an insured driver, and recruit bodies for it. Michael's job was to pay for it and provide a tape.

Early Sunday morning I found myself atop our Charlie Brown aesthetic truck, two hours of makeup time soaking into my face, sweating under the hot early morning sun, somewhat delirious from sleep deprivation, but very happy.

Photographers flowed past our flatbed in a steady stream that morning, clicking pictures as I lay beached and abandoned, alone on the hood.

A motorized cable car filled with carefully coiffed hairdos and official-looking green parade T-shirts methodically wound through the assembled contingents throughout the morning, judging them for the Cable Car Awards.

Heidi Downard, co-chair of the annual awards, leaned outward from her place on the car—dangling from a brass pole—and asked me where our decorations were. Perched alone on the hood a half hour before the parade, our truck abandoned and barren, possessing only a sound system and a generator, I responded, "They're coming."

The Dirt Ball is about people and energy, not products and presentation.

Eventually the decorations arrived, shuffling down the street, sleep-deprived, but nonetheless enthusiastic.

THE DIRT BALL ROLLS

Time crept along as the sun rose higher, providing the need for diversions to entertain us, as we waited for our turn in the processional. Bambi decided she would choreograph a dance routine for the float, and hopped onto the back of the truck, trailing a six-pack of Buzzbee Berkeley enthusiasts. Shaking away in her bursting bikini and boa, her motions were mirrored by the awkward crew. A sweeping, sassy move, however, toppled the lanky queen from the heights of her platforms onto a speaker beside her, removing the wind from her sails as her students' enthusiasm transformed into amusement.

Two hours after Dykes on Bikes had roared to life, we were on Market Street headed toward the Civic Center, much to my relief, and somewhat to my surprise. Our float has always been a thorn in the parade committee's side, especially this year. Many factors played into my fears that we would be turned away, and I had been warned by one parade official that morning to beware, the committee was out to get us any way they could.

But we were veritable angels. We had only turned our application in two months late (actually, the morning of the parade), never checked in at Command Central, had not collected our contingent monitors' day-glo splatter-painted identifying visors, and had decided we would ride just ahead of the Rawhide and Colossus in the parade, rather than in the middle, where the Parade Committee had placed us. Much to our relief, however, all went well, and we were on our way.

Once the float was rolling, I decided I could candy flip, releasing myself from much of my responsibilities and stress as our juggernaut started its unstoppable procession.

Waves of nausea, however, soon passed over me, aided by the sweet fumes of the smoke-spewing generator powering the sound system, as I lay in a friend's lap, mirrored platforms swinging from the back of the truck. Groping beside me, I sought out the large, black rubber gloves I had been wearing earlier, preparing to gracefully and discreetly vomit in them, if necessary.

THE SOCIAL LINT BRUSH

Recovering quickly, my head remained on my friend's knee as I watched the assembly swirl about the street. The random collection of people who have chosen to ride with the Dirt Ball has become closely intertwined over four years of parade entries, creating an extended family.

Noticeably absent parties bounced over barriers to join us. Diet, bobbing up to me, his face glowing like a birthday boy, delivered a simple, rhapsodic phrase to me: "It's 2:43 on Sunday afternoon, and I'm awake and happy." As Diet, Tyler-Bob, Remix and Tony Vaguely spun about the contingent, tears welled up in my eyes, damaging my otherwise flawless eye makeup. The float has come to resemble Christmas dinner at the Mission, a reunion of old friends and new.

Our float is a social lint brush, a magnet for those who live in the Land of Misfit Toys. Few people are invited, but anyone is welcome.

An apparently homeless man plopped down with his belongings beside Michelangelo Signorile on the tailgate, announcing that he was tired and wanted a place to relax.

In organizing the float, Michael Blue and I never wanted it to smack of commercialism. We provide it as a gift to our friends to flaunt our individuality in front of an often unaccepting "community"—a shameless bacchanal on wheels.

Watching it pass, many along the route appeared disturbed, seeming to not want to look at it. "If I just ignore it, it might go away," was the energy we felt along much of the passage.

Usually our energy goes outward, toward the viewers. This year, however, it went inward. Instead of being party clowns, we were a party. Instead of worrying about Them, we focused on Us. Our assemblage is the subculture of the subculture.

Fags from Hooterville sporting manwoman hairdos, hot pants, cowboy boots and freedom rings will probably never understand us, but that has become less important than letting it be known that we exist.

The Parade itself is about pride in being yourself, in being queer. Our float is about pride in being queer and being *different*. Occasionally, I would look up at the driver of the Rawhide float which trailed us too closely, and would see the driver smile and flip me off. But I didn't care. I was with friends whom I love, and felt safely surrounded.

SUNBURNS AND GRASS STAINS

Piled on the grass in the Civic Center, Nirvana had been attained. I was with the same friends on the same corner of the same lawn on which we have spent the last four parades. Eyeliner running down my face, and platforms badly damaged from rampant misuse, I started reminiscing and processing.

vides a release and a tradition of queer celebration. But to tourists it provides hope, and sets an example of what *could* be. Pilgrims arrive from all over the world to be part of our festival.

By its nature, it serves as a monolith, just by its existence and scale. But the parade is mired in closed-mindedness, infighting and limited vision, threatened by those who are from a different part of the community.

When Jerome and I were rejected as candidates for Emperor and Empress three years ago, Royal Review Board member and Parade Board member Bill Harrison explained that our rejection was because we were "peripheral to the trip," outsiders.

The time has come for the parade to evolve. New energy and vitality needs to be added to expand the vision and incorporation of the event, bringing in communities which have traditionally been ignored, while including those who have been involved all along.

The Castro Community Business Association has just garnered the "Pink Saturday" permit from The City for '93, adding to the need for more coalition-building, to make the weekend next year coherent and impactful.

This year the parade committee turned down the chance to have Deee-Lite play on stage at Gay Pride. It was explained to me after my phone calls were not returned that there was no room left in the lineup. *Hello?*

The Powers-That-Be are hesitant to bring in those who they do not understand, who they see as outsiders. But without bridging this gap, the parade cannot grow. Evolution, however, is a natural, and unstoppable process.

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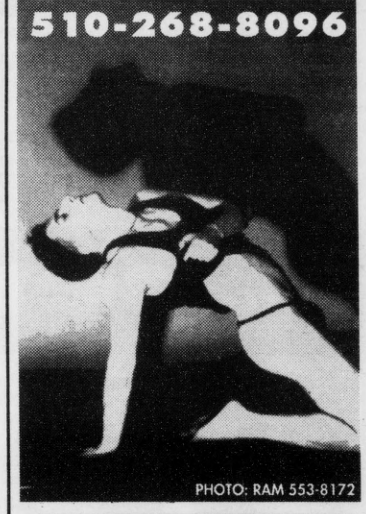

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

Approximately 100 gay men of all colors together descended upon Mesquite Texas (outside of Dallas) for dinner and the rodeo. Now, Mesquite local yokels were surprised to see these men in Mapplethorpe and gay-positive T-shirts come to dine with them and watch the rodeo. Their mouths were agape. They stared a lot. *We were the entertainment.* When we took our seats at the rodeo, as if by magic, the area cleared. Parents grabbed their children, covered their eyes and led them away. Some of us did not stand for the pledge of allegiance. Some of us cheered the bulls and whistled at the cowboys. Some of the cowboys who roped cattle were booed—especially if they weren't cute. A good time was had by all, and Mesquite had the benefit of seeing 100 interracial queers enjoying themselves and making no apologies for who we are.

BUT SERIOUSLY...

Historic was the simple handshake and signing of the M.O.U. between Reggie Williams, Executive Director of the National Task Force on AIDS, and NABWMT Chair Robert Williams, separating the two organizations. Said Reggie Williams: "NTFA has disassociated its nonprofit affiliation with NABWMT, but not its association with its mission."

Among this year's excellent workshops were Eracism, Training the Trainer, Leather in the '90s, and Sexual Addiction. Ever popular are the Black Caucus, the White Caucus and the Multicultural Caucus. Lots of condoms and safe sex information were on hand. The site of the 1993 convention will be Chicago. Added to the week's activities, next year there will be a Cultural Institute. The Institute will recognize writing, cinema, performance and fine art.

For more information, please call: 800-NA4-BWMT or write National Association of Black and White Men Together, 4753 N. Broadway, Suite 1200, Chicago IL 60640-4907.

Oregon...

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of hate."

Kimberly Webster of the Campaign for a Hate-Free Oregon (CHFO) feels her state is "one of the scariest places I've ever been in my life." Volunteers in Springfield, she says, were shot at; CHFO Manager Peggy Norman was threatened by a man at a polling place "without provocation." Webster says that she "has never seen so many people who have such unbridled anger."

While the violence and the threats have calmed down "to some extent" right now, "we're looking at a campaign on a state level, and if we're looking at a campaign in Springfield, the OCA said it's going to challenge it. I think it's going to be a long, hot summer. And it could be a very ugly campaign in the fall."

NO SUSPECTS IN BREAK-IN

The June 8 break-in at CHFO headquarters in Portland left the group with one phone line with which to call out. Its computer and fax machine were stolen, as were lists of names. Photocopy toner was spread all over the walls.

After vandals hit the CHFO office, volunteers and steering committee members received death threats and harassing phone calls.

Many of the people on the stolen list of names have also received harassing or threatening phone calls, according to Webster. "The vandals stole our file with insurance papers," she says. "Later that day our insurance agent received her first-ever obscene call."

The calls ranged from "very serious death threats to calls saying I'm holding your sister so-and-so and torturing and raping her." Other calls featured music played at the Nazi death camps.

"When we began the campaign," says Webster, "I thought it'll be a miracle if we get through this without violence. Now I think it'll be a miracle if we get through this alive. I've never been scared before."

EXPOSING THE OCA

Seibert is a longtime political activist who first became politicized by the Nixon-McGovern race in the early '70s. Born and raised in Springfield, but currently residing in Eugene, Seibert's now the treasurer of the executive committee of OUTPAC. He's also a man dedicated to making life difficult for the OCA: he wants the group to operate within the strict framework of the law.

Seibert told *SF Bay Times* that OUTPAC, which formed last year in response to the OCA, has filed 30 complaints against the fundamentalist group with the secretary of state's office elections division. "We've won most of them," he admits.

The complaints run the gamut: "Everything from filing illegally to moving and not changing their address with the state," says Seibert, who sounds mighty satisfied with his work against the OCA.

The complaints have thus far cost the OCA about $20,000, according to Seibert. "My goal this year is to top that," he says. The OCA, he claims, raised three-quarters of a million in 10 months, and boast a mailing list of 150,000.

OUTPAC has published a list of businesses and citizens who support the OCA. The group is about to print a list of police officers donating to the right-wing enterprise. "We're concerned that these officers may not be as objective as they should be [with queers]," he explains.

According to Seibert, the OCA appeals to people affected by the economic hard times with a newsletter chart that says the average homosexual household in America makes $55,430 a year versus the national average of $32,144. "That's exactly what Hitler did to the Jews," he says. "It sells during tough economic times."

SUPPORT FOR QUEERS

A lot of support for the gay community is coming from the churches in Oregon. That's because the Board of Directors of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, representing 17 Christian denominations, voted unanimously last September to oppose the OCA initiatives.

Ellen Lowe, associate director of the group, told *SF Bay Times* that Ecumenical Ministries was quite active in opposing the measures. As a result, she has received about 100 threatening or obscene phone calls since September. Some callers accused her of being a lesbian, and some said that her "advocacy for [queers] made me the same as lesbians."

A longtime progressive activist who opposed the war in Vietnam and worked to make Oregon's minimum wage the highest in the country, Lowe says that her group is composed of churches that have "different opinions about homosexual practices" but which are "unanimous in their opinion that homosexuality is not the issue." The issue, these churches believe, "is whether we start carving out groups of people and denying their right to participate in the democratic process."

Ecumenical Ministries is organizing a July 25 walk in support of diversity in Oregon. Proceeds from the walk will benefit CHFO. Lowe is on the steering committee of CHFO.

Lowe says she was "one of those who felt that if we ignored OCA it wouldn't give them credibility. It didn't work."

Other support for gays, lesbians and bisexuals has come from a broad spectrum of public figures and groups, from the governor to the Oregon Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Oregon Art Museum. A glitzy Hollywood CHFO fundraiser is planned for July 19, hosted by openly gay director Gus Van Sant, and featuring such notables as Lily Tomlin, River Phoenix, Faye Dunaway, and Roseanne and Tom Arnold.

Many people seem to believe, as Nakagawa says, that what the OCA is doing is "neither simply a gay rights issue nor an issue that can be contained in the state of Oregon."

While the churches and Hollywood rally to support gays, lesbians and bisexuals on the social and financial front, the ACLU of Oregon is looking to challenge the initiative in court. That may happen either by injunction (if the city enforces the law) or if the OCA or one of its supporters files a complaint against the library.

Dave Fidanque, ACLU/Oregon associate director, says that at present city officials are ignoring the law. "The city's taking a defensive posture," he says. "They'd like it to go away."

So the ball's in the right's court.

OCA: NO COMMENT

The OCA would not speak with the *SF Bay Times*. When contacted, spokesperson Scott Lively asked immediately if *SF Bay Times* was a "homosexual publication." Told that it was, Lively said, "We don't do interviews with homosexual publications." Asked why, he said, "Because you're our political opposition. It'd be playing into your hands."

Lively then hung up the phone without saying goodbye.

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It is possible to pay attention, remain grateful and not lose oneself in the past or future while having great sex. Are you frustrated by superficial conversation and persons who choose to shut down, preferring to thrive on drama? Me too. Spiritual nonsmoker, 30 y.o., lover of life and conversation, invites you to experience integrity amidst a 45-minute kiss that does not diminish with time. Reply BT Box JY16A or call ★★8600.

Take The Plunge

Seeking a lifetime romance with a gentle yet assertive, passionate yet sane, fun-loving yet serious, nurturing yet lustful, SF lesbian. We are both bright, articulate, educated, financially stable, 38+, emotionally present, committed to self-awareness, openness and honesty. I'm mid-40s, Jewish, 5'4", blond, cute, femme, slightly plump but fit—a nonsmoking mental health professional with a broad range of eclectic interests. I offer and seek integrity, compassion, sensuality, emotional expressiveness and a capacity for healthy processing. You'll also find me flexible, affectionate, energetic, funny, and always ready to play. I'd love to dive deep (and surface) with a woman balanced enough to handle the passion and adventure of a growing relationship. Call ★★8601.

I Woke Up Alone

Again this morning and wondered where you are. Are you at the park, walking around Stowe Lake; lunching at the Owl & Monkey; browsing used bookstores; shopping along the Haight or Castro; out to a show; at the ocean; cruising to Jenner or Santa Cruz; or out with friends, possibly wondering where I am? This cute, brown/blue baby butch would love to hear from you. Call ★★8602.

My Fantasy Love

I know she is out there and it just might be you! You are sensitive, warm, silly and serious. You look soft yet are strong inside. An attractive woman who leans more to the femme side, 30-40 y.o. I appear a little tough on the outside, but within I'm sensitive and kind. I lean more to the butch side. Am attractive, stable, secure. My interests are diverse, from fine dining and the theater to backpacking in the wilderness. I would like a healthy relationship, but I know it takes time if it is to be worthwhile. No drugs, lite cig. & alcohol OK. Call if you think you would like to meet. Call ★★8603.

Assimilation...

... Irritates the shit out of me. Caustic, irreverent brat-girl bottom looking for daddy. I like faded 501s, rough sex and butch girls with crewcuts who pack big dicks. I'm dark, curvaceous, quasi-femme with a shitty attitude. I do forced submission, lite-heavy S/M and dress up—for the right daddy. No big hair or Republicans, please. 2215-R Market, #485, SF 94114 or call ★★8604.

A Little Chemistry...

Speaks for itself! Add a romantic dinner, soft conversation and a moonlit hot tub and we are set! I probably work too hard and would enjoy some fun and romance in my life. "We" are not looking for clones, but we are both considerate, intelligent, self-assured, sensual, healthy, fit, positive thinkers that are looking for that attractive femme special friend. If tenderness and passion, with a little attitude, appeals to you, call me, let's get to know each other. (NS, ND.) Reply BT Box JY17A or call ★★8605.

Sex As A 2nd Language

Tell me what you want & I'll give it to you, or kick back, let me take you over the edge & out of your head. Quid pro quo. Are you an intense top who can rock 'n roll this 70% bottom to the stars & back? Being the top by default gets old—my true preference/greatest turn-on is being seduced & taken, especially when it gets you hot & wet. I'm seeking a woman who is a soft butch or femme in appearance, physically attractive & emotionally together. Pluses include: multiple orgasms, toys, irreverence, inwardly & outwardly aesthetically pleasing. Let's meet to see if the chemistry calls for coffee, tea or you & me! I'm a good-looking soft butch, busy professional, aching for a good rough fuck. PO Box 9468, Berkeley 94709 or for a call back simply leave your name, phone # & good time(s) to call back. Call ★★8606.

Respect, Intimacy, Passion

In that order. If you have these as priorities in seeking a lasting relationship, please respond. Never-ending romance, conversation, activities, surprises, affection and attention. Find me please. 40, professional, weight appropriate and feminine. Have all of your stuff in the past and let's get on with it! Call ★★8607.

Ready For Relationship

Friendship, potential LTR. I'm 36, therapist, mother, residing in S. Marin County, seeking woman who is emotionally & financially stable. (Nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinking OK.) I enjoy dining out, picnics, photography, walks, bike riding (nothing strenuous), ballgames, movies, long late-night talks. I'd like to meet someone interested in a committed, monogamous relationship, who is bright, honest & has a sense of humor. Call ★★8608.

Deadhead Sticker On A Cadillac

Eccentric genius lipstick lesbian seeks partner in fun. Let's discuss life, the universe and everything out on the hiking trails. Let's dance ourselves into altered states. And let's enjoy other urban and outdoor delights, too! I'm preppie on the outside, hippie on the inside; highly intelligent with wicked sense of humor; thirty-even, 5'9", and obviously Celtic. You're "femme of center" and like what you've read here. Age: anywhere from hippychick to '60s survivor; attitude and brains count more. Reply BT Box JY19A or call ★★8609.

Hot Crossed Buns

Let's do hot springs and explore ways to stay warm during cool Sierran nights. I am 40, ethnic, no heavy sexual/drug/alcohol hangups yet not a 12-stepper; spirituality is present but personal and subtle (no cults); love my ample body (and require someone accepting of theirs). I love planting things, animals, adventuring weekends. All I need is the right one to share it with. Reply BT Box JY20A or call ★★8610.

Slutty Goddess

True or false—Morticia Addams is among the hottest women in history? Pretension is a substitute for intelligence? One can put on fishnets and shake one's bootie And be a feminist. For your score, contact one outrageous bi-queer woman. I'm looking for women to talk, laugh, hang out. (And maybe have mind-melting sex.) Reply BT Box JY21A or call ★★8611.

A: We Both Win!

Laughter, massage, music, art and spirituality are among our interests. I also enjoy playing games (Pictionary, cards, chess), going for walks or seeing a movie, dancing, acting silly and sharing dreams. I'm attractive, in my 30s, and believe in moderation except when it comes to love! I live in SF. If you're of similar temperament, then Q.: What happens when you call or write? Reply BT Box JY22A or call ★★8612.

Ola Bubbula

Transplanted New Yorker, born in Puerto Rico, late 40s, athletic professional who loves life, friends, travel, sports and working in my garden. Would like to share experiences with women who enjoy mystery movies or books, quiet thunder of the ocean, dancing flames of a campfire, a good bottle of Chardonnay and adding the score of a round of golf. Hope to hear your experiences. Reply BT Box JY23A or call ★★8613.

Irreverent Light Worker

Moi: Bright, attractive, 45, East Bay Aries, loves great smiles, smart, attractive, musical, athletic women. Love to laugh, explore traditional and airy-fairy spirituality, play piano, read, learn, play tennis, watch Monica, Magic and Joe. Toi: Kind, strong sense of integrity and morality, irreverent, funny, tolerant, love your family, 40s, treasured by your friends, creative and passionate with your life & dreams, open, communicative, looking for joy. Let's connect! Call ★★8614.

Play

The warm summer weather has my hormones in high gear and I'm looking for some fun, sexual play. I'm in my early 40s, attractive brunette, run to keep in shape. I like kink, but vanilla is tasty, too. Not looking for a big time relationship. I'm hoping you kiss really good, have a trim and healthy body, are pretty and 35+. Call ★★8615.

Wanted: Shallow And Meaningless Relationship

I'm 5'10", 145 lbs., mid-forties and love the seduction of good sex. If you are 5'9" or taller, late thirties to mid-forties, and just want to have some fun—call me. I like passion and laughter! Call ★★8616.

Lesbians 40+ And Social

Two single Castro professional women seek to expand their friendship network. Objective: Monthly social get-togethers with other interesting lesbians, either singles or couples, to dine out, bowl, picnic, special events, conversation, potlucks, theater, etc. Prefer neighbors of the Castro. Call ★★8617.

If You Cross This Bridge

You'll find a warm, well-adjusted, educated woman who values empowering communication and passion in a long-term relationship; one who is attracted to women who are bright, intuitive feelers and can maintain autonomy in relationship. I enjoy being outdoors in motion (walking, tennis), as well as quieter pursuits (cultural events) and intimacy with YOU. You are 45-60, warm, communicative, and professional. Call/write. Reply BT Box JY24A or call ★★8618.

I Know You're Out There

... but I haven't found you yet! I'm warm, loving, independent, emotionally stable, mid-forties. Sometimes intense, with a strong sense of humor. I value intimacy, honesty, direct communication. I enjoy literature, music, long walks, long talks, good friends, good food, good times. Pretty sunsets and romantic dinners. I'm looking for a like-minded, intelligent SF woman, 40-55, willing to work on a healthy, monogamous relationship. Someone who loves to laugh but isn't frightened by tears, and is affectionate, compassionate, and emotionally generous. As my mother would say, a "mensch." Light alcohol OK, no smoking or drugs please. Call ★★8619.

Butch Butch Baby!

Sexy dyke (young, cold, selfish & wet, closet femme—I'll kill you if you tell) needs smokin' hot crop & badge-wielding, aggressive bitch to toy with my body and mind. Be rough, brainy, bossy & snide. You are my whore, for P.D.A.'s, role-playing, porn. You fuck like a madwoman, and scream & gouge when I make you come. Points if you pack or work voodoo. (Nice girls welcome too!) Reply BT Box JY25A or call ★★8620.

Pursuing

Cute girlfriend, 30-50 yrs., under 5'4", fit and health-conscious, independent, intelligent (no drugs or alcoholics), enjoys laughter and communication by a passionate, romantic, 21st Century woman (at least by then). Reply BT Box JY26A or call ★★8621.

Fat 'N Sassy

Strong butch interior/pretty femme exterior. BiWF, auburn hair, green eyes, Aries/Scorpio/Sagittarius. Passionate about sex, politics, music, satisfying the senses—Life! Seeking a woman who is secure, confident, ambitious, generous and romantic. I am smart, verbal, oral, fun, energetic and fiery. Together we will fuel the flames of each other's emotions, passions, moods and bodies. Strong preference for 28-38-year-olds w/dark hair/dark eyes, moody artists, writers or

Dykes To Watch Out For

WHAT'S IN THE CARDS?
GO FISH
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WHILE HARRIET PACKS TO LEAVE THEIR APARTMENT, MO TURNS TO HER DEVOTED FRIENDS FOR SOLACE AND UNDERSTANDING.
JEEZ, MO! DON'T BE SO BUMMED! I NEVER THOUGHT HARRIET WAS RIGHT FOR YOU ANYWAY. THERE'S PLENTY MORE FISH IN THE SEA. IT'S PARTY TIME!
LOIS, BE QUIET. I NEED TO CONCENTRATE. HMM... THE THREE OF SWORDS... THAT'S REALLY INTERESTING, MO. IT MEANS YOU'RE EXPERIENCING PAIN AND SORROW... POSSIBLY THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE.
NO SHIT, MADAME SHERLOCK. FORGET THE CARDS, MO. WHAT YOU NEED IS TO GET BACK INTO CIRCULATION.
LEAVE HER ALONE, LOIS. GRIEF IS A NATURAL PROCESS. YOU DON'T HEAL BY DISTRACTING YOURSELF WITH NEW PROSPECTS.
OH, COME ON. WE'VE ALL DONE IT. IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER.
THAT'S FOR SURE. HOPE DOES SPRING ETERNAL, DOESN'T IT? NO MATTER HOW BAD I'VE BEEN BURNED IN BREAKUPS, PART OF ME ALWAYS FELT EXCITED ABOUT HAVING ANOTHER CHANCE TO FIND THE REAL MS. RIGHT.
COMPLETE WITH SHINING ARMOR, A WHITE HORSE, AND NO BAGGAGE?
YEAH. SOMEONE MYSTERIOUS, BEGUILING. SOMEONE WHO'LL SAY THE THINGS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HEAR. SOMEONE WHO'S NOTHING LIKE ANY OF YOUR EXES.
TAROT: "TRUST ME I'LL FIX THINGS. I'M NOT A POLITICIAN."
AT LEAST NOT UNTIL YOU GET TO KNOW HER. THEN YOU FIND OUT SHE'S EXACTLY LIKE YOUR EXES, ONLY WORSE.
OH, LIGHTEN UP! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE ROMANCE TO TAKE YOUR MIND OFF YOUR TROUBLES.
TEXAS BILLIONAIRE BRIBED MEESE, WON'T PAY HOUSE, WILL RULE FOR TELEVISION
SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE ADDICT. SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT LOVER TO SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS RATHER THAN FACE THEM ON YOUR OWN. NOW LEAVE US ALONE! I'M TRYING TO GIVE MO A READING HERE.
IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND WHO REALLY APPRECIATED ME FOR ONCE. MAYBE SOMEONE WHO COULD PLAY GUITAR... AND COOK THAI FOOD...
MMM. THE FOOL. THIS IS A POWERFUL CARD, MO. ITS DIVINATORY SYMBOLISM IS EVOCATIVE AND COMPLEX.
REALLY? WHAT'S IT MEAN?
IT MEANS "WATCH IT, BABE, OR YOU COULD DO SOMETHING REALLY STUPID."
THE WOMYN'S TAROT

musicians. Extra points for Taureans, Libras or Sagittarians. Reply BT Box JY27A or call ★★8622.

I'm Mocha, She's Chocolate And We're Both Looking For Dates

Ms. Mocha is Puerto Rican, 32, outgoing, discreet and mad for older women. Ms. Chocolate is a professional, 45, stable, shy and discreet with a weakness for sensuous, energetic and intelligent women. Ms. Mocha and Ms. Chocolate enjoy going out, particularly to plays, movies and restaurants. Neither cares for smokers or drug users, and definitely prefer femmes. Reply BT Box JY28A or call ★★8623.

Alley Cat Wants Kitten

To play in the sun, climb new heights, explore exotic places, taste new delicacies. With nine lives we can take risks fearlessly, be open to adventures of both brain and bones. Are you a tall, elegant feline, with a sense of humor, a curious intellect, and an ardent disposition? Are you close to 35, intoxicated by aqua more than booze, and prefer BBQ smoke to all others? Come prowl with me.

Kitten Seeks Former Tom Cat

Ready to be domesticated but not declawed. My Alley Cat would be warm and sensitive—purring with New York sophistication yet Marin mello. For her, life is an adventure, sex is a hobby and world travel is essential. An accomplished professional, she is relaxed about success and loves catnaps in the sun—yet enjoys the energy of a younger woman still driven by success. This Alley Cat must believe in tackling life's problems and not fear intimacy or licks behind the ear. Finally she is willing to act as an anchor for a would-be workaholic who needs encouragement to hike Mt. Tam, spend sunny days at the beach or BBQ on lazy afternoons with friends (yours and/or mine).

Last Month Was My Birthday!

It's summer and I'm free! I'm gonna have a good time! Happy birthday to me! I'm 21, femme, sweet, smart, funny and cute as the dickens. I'm dressing up, going out, chasing girls, and playing the personal ads. I'm looking for some good times, a few friends... and maybe a good lay, but I'm not holding my breath. Call ★★8624.

shared interest

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients, or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Potatoes Unite!

Bored? Out of shape? Me too. Get off that couch and grab your racquet! Beg. and int. tennis pals wanted. Your court or mine. Also interested in low impact hiking, biking, beach/park walks of your choice. I'm 31, GWF professional. Let's be buds, not spuds—the ball is in your court. Reply BT Box JY600A.

Conversational Mandarin

Fluent Mandarin speaker sought by German- and English-speaking masseur for conversation on beginner's level. Call ★★8658.

Astrology Socials For Women

Casual monthly gatherings to talk about the stars and such. If you're interested in meeting with like-minded souls, call ★★8659. Leave name and phone. Individualized charts will be provided free. Group size is limited. San Francisco location.

Pleasanton Tri-Valley Group

Gay & bisexual men's group forming. Tired of running into the City to meet people? There are plenty of us out here. Come to network, socialize and establish a community. For information leave your name and number. Call ★★8660.

Fun For Fido

Do you have a dog or do you know of a dog with boundless energy and a craving for socialization? I have a big, friendly Labrador who loves Ft. Funston, other friendly dogs and who desperately seeks weekend playmates. If you have a dog, are a man or woman, and would like to join us at the beach, call ★★8661.

"Persistent Desire"

Read Joan Nestle. Did you come out as butch or femme in the '50s or early '60s? 44-yr.-old "old school" butch looking to share stories and honor our diverse experiences as women from this era. Let's get together and share our stories and support each other. Call ★★8662.

Santa Fe Bound

GM, 53, headed for Santa Fe 7/26 to 8/4/92. Seek others going same time or similarly enchanted by the area—music, art, etc. Lost my traveling companion. This is my fourth vacation in the area. I'm attractive, personable, like opera (Rosenkavalier 7/29, Don Giovanni 7/31), chamber music, day trips to Taos, dinner at Santa Cafe, etc. Hope to connect with people of similar interests for good times. Reply BT Box JY601A or call ★★8663.

Scarlet Knights & Dykes From Old Queens!

Rutgers West—Lesbian & Gay Alliance Alumni. Calling all former Lesbians & Gays of Rutgers, the State University (including Douglass, Livingston, Cook, Rutgers-Newark, Rutgers-Camden). Planning: monthly meetings, newsletter, 1993 gay parade contingent! Get out your old red & white pom poms, targums, caellians & mediums!! Send contact phone # & address, campus/college affiliation and years attended. Reply BT Box JY602A or call ★★8664.

Poker

Looking for women who play poker, either to join an existing game or start one. Please call ★★8665.

Euchre?

So do we! (Sorry—bad pun.) We're one cute babe and one cute dude looking for others interested in mutual euchre fun (and possibly more—just kidding—sort of). Anyone with rules for strip euchre especially encouraged to reply. Call ★★8666.

Language Exchange

Looking for fluent speakers of Norwegian and/or Korean and/or Russian for conversation practice, cultural exchange. If there is enough interest, let's start up a club. Call ★★8667.

Enneagram, Anyone?

Hi! I'm interested in meeting other lesbians who have studied the Enneagram and use it in their lives. If you're interested, please respond. Call ★★8668.

Are You A Queer For Jesus?

I would like to meet any gay and lesbian Pentecostals in the East Bay for possible Bible study and fellowship. I am affiliated with the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance and in the process of starting its ministerial training course. If interested, please call ★★8669.

Odd Hours/Diverse Desires

Playpals wanted for cultural anthropological adventures, small theater, dive bars, cemetery picnics, forest hikes, ethnic gatherings, great food, costuming, taiko drumming, drag queens. Experience and fun are goals; curiosity, energy, flexibility and finances the means. Sense of humor (subtle, silly, sarcastic), spontaneity, compassion, style, fun and honor highly appreciated. Laughing at self as spiritual practice a must. Bonding friendships must click, too, so call to see. Call ★★8670.

El Cerrito Cat Care Exchange

Do you live in El Cerrito and love cats? I have to travel occasionally and would like to meet El Cerrito/Albany women to exchange cat feedings or possible cat/house sitting. I have two sweet cats, live near Stockton north of El Cerrito Plaza. Let's connect for our cats! Call ★★8671.

Sportbikes

32 y.o. GWM seeks others who, like myself, own sportbikes and live to ride, esp. winding backroads, i.e. Woodside, Alice's Rest., Highway 1, etc. Please, sportbike enthusiasts only. Reply BT Box JY603A or call ★★8672.

Turkish Gays

I'm traveling to Turkey in August and I'm interested in meeting members of Istanbul's gay/lesbian/transvestite community, both for my own edification and to develop contacts for the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission here in SF. If you (1) know any approachable gay people in Istanbul, (2) have been to Turkey and have any useful advice or gossip for me, or (3) speak Turkish and would be willing to help me with mine over a cup of coffee or a beer, please give me a call! Call ★★8673.

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Submissive

29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★8636.

I'm Bi, Married And Alas Pot Bellied!

Age 50. Any Asian, Hispanic or Islander bi women, married or not, willing to be my friend or maybe lover. Let's explore each other's dreams. I don't drink, use drugs or smoke. Loving couples welcome. Gentle kink OK. PO Box 424053, SF 94142-4053 or call ★★8637.

Slave Needs Owner

WM, 33, bi-curious, looking for single women, couples or groups to take control of me. I have experience as a houseboy, cook, masseur & toy. Please use me for your pleasure or amusement. Take complete control of me, limits are meant to be expanded. I crave all forms of D&S, C&B, TT, WS, X-dress, humiliation, ritual & fantasy, very exhibitionistic. Leave instructions & receive complete obedience. Call ★★8638.

I think the boy who doesn't want strangers spanking his behind sounds darlin'. I believe all men have got to start being conscious of what we all instinctively know: id est, that we are a "Family" as our queerest queens say. Tired of those ads that list what we "hate" or our pet peeves about one another. There's no such thing as a free orgy and we gotta have solidarity and not be the first and last generations out of the closet. Call me boy if you want. I'm androgynous to butch, 28, Pagan, brown/blue. Call ★★8639.

Seeking Arrogant Student

Masc., discreet WM with foot fetish will pamper cocky student or blue collar type. I'll fix your meals or snacks while you study, read, relax, watch TV. And I am your footstool. Sex not necessary and you don't really have to do anything. I'm 37, attrac., masc., not into gay bars or gay scene. My place available. Call ★★8640.

Country Western Boy

6'3", brown hair, moust., 33" waist, good looks, hazel eyes, would like to meet person into CW music, movies, diners, fun & good conversation. Tired of the bar scene. Been single 3 yrs. haven't met any good ones yet! Oh—my age is 29. Looking for age 30 and up. Reply BT Box JY300A or call ★★8641.

Exit To Eden

Bisexual man of Roissy Academy is now accepting limited number of the most intelligent, mature, imaginative, strong, sophisticated and self-assured of bisexual women and lesbians. Background understanding helpful. Experience not required. Desire to explore a must. PO Box 3902, San Rafael 94912 or call ★★8642.

A Vastly Misunderstood Lifestyle

It's generally assumed without discussion that relationships involving 3 people aren't "serious" or "possible." Even the bisexual community, so accustomed to questioning the status quo, is often highly hesitant to disturb this remaining sacred cow of what relationships "may or may not" be. This prejudice is reinforced by ads from couples seeking "playmates for fun times." Yet there exist people who seek out the same loving tenderness and fulfilling serious relationship between 3 people as traditionally done by two. In fact, we know people who have been successfully in committed triadic relationships for years, as well as local and nationwide networks for support of this lifestyle. If you are interested in exploring joining our quest to form a triadic relationship (described in the ad "You Want It All?") or simply network with other like-minded people, let us hear from you! PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★8643.

You Want It All?

Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated triadic relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★8644.

Heretofore straight, newly bi, inexperienced, very attractive, single WM, 33, 5'4½", trim, leanly muscular, athletic, handsomely hairy physique, balding, tight, firm, submissive bottom; intelligent, graduate degreed, masculine yet affectionate, playful and eager to please. I am smoke-, alcohol-, disease-free, health-conscious, honest, emotionally uninhibited, nonjudgmental, and willing to satisfy my lover's unfilled needs and fantasies, if deemed safe. Seeking intelligent, assertive, masculine, single male, top, straight or straight-acting for discreet initial relationship. Smoke-, alcohol-free, HIV- are musts. Please write with a full self-description and what your desires are. PO Box 31504, SF 94131.

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Daddy's Boy Wanted

Daddy is GWM, 48, 5'7", 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to clean-cut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★8689.

Daytime Escapade

Handsome Asian, 32, athletic, clean, HIV-, seeks a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★8690.

Ah, Wilderness!

Gay/bi WM, 40, 5'6", 155, in E. Bay, neither gorgeous nor ugly, looking for guys into camping & hiking to explore forests, mountains, deserts, backroads with. Am musician (usually days free), unconservative, very earthy, quiet, straight-appearing. Likes include non-electric music (ragas, bluegrass, opera, jazz, etc.), hot springs, bare feet, marijuana, beer, wilderness, smelly butts, gardens, spicy food, tennis. Prefer similar types whose lives don't consist entirely of the City, the gym, the gay ghetto, the bars, the office, with some degree of freedom from the standard M-F 40 hr./week routine. All calls returned. Reply BT Box JY70A or call ★★8691.

I Call When I Say I Will!

Don't be shocked. I am looking for someone fun who has goals and is going somewhere, not perched on a bar stool. Info: white, 27, 6 ft., 160, brn/grn, grad student, fairly good looking. (Modesty? What is that...?). I am together, hip, stable, with a twisted sense of humor. Content on a bike in Marin or running around in SF. You: 25-35, white/Black, ht/wt proportionate. Better if you're a smart ass with a sense of adventure and can keep me in line. Reply BT Box JY72A or call ★★8692.

East Bay Late Night Cock Obsession

Masculine, aggressive Oaklander into strictly mutual heavy dirty talk, jerk-off, cock and ball worship, while drinking, smoking, partying, seeking other masculine, aggressive night owl party animals. Age/looks unimportant. Not into videos, shaved, tits, ass, couples, quickies. Into long scenes with men equally obsessed with cock/balls, talking & stroking. Call ★★8693.

The Expression Of A Well-Made Man

Attractive, sincere, intelligent WM with smouldering libido seeks same for cafe companion and sex buddy. Am 42, 5'10", 150, brn/brn, trim, HIV-, versatile. Enjoy massage, exercise, conversation, quiet times. Some unconventional interests but not at all weird. Like blond junior execs, collegians, servicemen, but open to all nice-guy types. Bi or married OK, but should have genuine regard for male affection. Must be masculine, cleanshaven, healthy, with average looks, nice hands and feet. Prefer bright, clever, intense, switch-hitter with clear eyes, warm heart. Don't be shy; all answered, discretion assured. Reply BT Box JY73A or call ★★8694.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★8695.

How About That Spanking?

You'll feel much better afterward. Suit-wearing professional with traditional values, 45 y.o., 6' and 185 lbs., brn eyes and hair, HIV-, uncut, willing to give hand spankings and other guidance to youthful-appearing daddy's boy. I am respectful of limits. You will feel liberated as every private act is directed and supervised; in helplessness you'll discover how much you are cared for. Reply BT Box JY74A or call ★★8696.

Ah, Paris....

GWM, French (bilingual), 25 y.o., 5'11", 150 lbs., br/br, professional (MBA), straight acting, yet fully assuming being gay, and... attractive. Newly arrived in SF, eager to build a group of friends (20-35 y.o.) with shared interests. We will go out (cafes, bars, clubs, theater, movies), hike, laugh, discuss and whatever fun you propose. My personality: prof. but artistic (photography, writing, painting), rational yet intuitive, open-minded, optimistic. Letter (picture appreciated) only. Reply BT Box JY75A.

Asians Please

Because Asians please, I say: "Asians, please." I am GWM, 44, 5'10", 155 lbs., HIV-, top. I am professional and love biking, swimming, horseback riding and reading and contemplating. And most of all, I like you. Select yourself and call. P.S., I am affectionate and capable of love. Call ★★8697.

Attractive Asian

Seeks a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual encounters. No strings attached. I'm healthy, athletic nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3037 or call ★★8698.

Over 40 & Fit

Sensual, intelligent, considerate, reliable, HIV-man, seeks same for making love and exploring the possibility of a long-term relationship. I'm 6 feet, 180 lbs., br/br, sexually versatile. You are slim or muscular, any height or race. I run, scuba dive, play bridge, but am ready to explore new activities. Letter, picture to Quest, PO Box 1661, Richmond 94802 or call ★★8699.

Central Contra Costa J/O

Buddies wanted: nonsmokers in decent shape, 20s to mid-40s. I'm 38, blond, 6'2", 190#. I don't care about your dick size or your "experience" (I haven't done anything like this in a while myself), but a playful attitude is a must, and you'll get many extra points for big nuts! Note, photo and phone to: 41 Sutter St., #1215, SF 94104.

All I Really Want

Is a hot country biker into wet dirty fun in the sun (or rain). Wouldn't hurt if you dug cowboy dancin' or an occasional rodeo. Let's get the hell out of Dodge and get sleazy in the wind. Redhead, 38, 5'10", 160. T.D., Box 221, Antioch 94509 or call ★★8700.

Merrily We Roll Along?

Sexy, outgoing, intellectual, romantic student, 27, searching for fun and fulfilling experiences. Seeks someone similar, 18-35, who enjoys dining, movies, music, conversation, and messing around, someone equally comfortable with serious, meaningful discussions and witty, wacky frivolity. Though I have a disability, it doesn't define me or limit my horizons; I'm very independent, and eager for new experiences, new friends. I value intelligence, warmth, humor, affection, openness, and effervescence, but what's outside can excite me too, and I'd like to think I have the same effect on others. Whoever you are, drop me a line; the possibilities are endless, and the fun might be too! Reply BT Box JY76A or call ★★8701.

East Bay South Asian

Sri Lankan artist, 5'4", 120 lbs. (brown skinned), 31 yrs., good-looking. Looking for GLM, GWM or GBM who like sensual, sexy lovemaking, cuddling, walks or jogs, dancing, gym, movies, an interest in different cultures. If you feel that you are compatible to my age and physical type and you share some or any of my interests I would love to hear from you. Call ★★8702.

Seeking Cute Talented Boyfriend

To steal my heart away. Someone I can romance, emotionally support & share a love for everything culturally artistic. I'm a genuinely attractive, very successful graphic designer who is building a new personal life after living/working abroad. I am a WM, 41 (look a lot younger), HIV-, straight-acting, 5'10", 145, slim, smooth, daily swimmer with black hair, moustache & Latin looks. My friends think I'm a doll. I'm spiritually aware (Eastern/Western) with loving values, health conscious, NS, ND, occasional drinker. Sexually I'm imaginative, very oral, sensual & sometimes playfully rough. I'd like to meet a stimulating man, bigger built, HIV-, in a creative profession with whom I have a lot in common. I'm not into casual sex, clubs or bars so here's your chance to land a quality man devoted to you. Let's exchange letter & photo. Reply BT Box JY77A.

Surprise Me!

Asian/Spanish, 33 yrs., 5'4", 130 lbs., good-looking, HIV-, str8 acting, but happily gay. Bohemian in heart, preppy in atttire, politically moderate. Educated, financial survivor and possess positive nature. Loves art, antiques, nature, travels and different cultures. Seeks non-fat, non-femme guys, 21-38, in Walnut Creek area. Looking for new friends and or boyfriend. Looking for someone that can teach me about love, relationships and life. Reply BT Box JY78A or call ★★8703.

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Bottom Butt Boy

Well, not quite. I'm 40 y.o., hardly a boy. Nevertheless, I'm looking for a stud/daddy. Be P.C., dominant/aggressive, and attractive. I'm submissive/passive and a smoker. East Bay (Oakland/Berkeley) preferred, but SF OK if you've got what I need. And I need it bad, if you know what I mean. I'm 5′4″, 145, brown/black, and waiting just for you. Reply BT Box JY79A or call ★★8704.

Shy, Safe And Kinky?

Handsome Italian, 36, 6′1″, 185, 7″ uncut, HIV-, moustache. Healthy, honest, clean, into safe sex, mutual masturbation, no drugs. Want to explore new fantasies: ext/WS, bare feet, kinky not risky with clean GM, any race, 20-65, photo if possible to PO Box 425528, SF 94102 or call ★★8705.

Seeking Attractive Asian

I am 40, 5′9″, 150, HIV-, GWM, shy, sincere, nice looking, fairly muscular and athletic, analytical but also romantic. A UNIX programmer. Like films, lectures, computing, poetry, cafes, long walks, touching & talking... I am seeking a bright GAM in the SF area who thinks independently and is available for friendship and possible relationship. If interested, reply BT Box JY80A or call ★★8706.

X-Poster Boy Seeks Fun

I must be from Atlantis or some other world. OK, so love isn't on everyone's agenda here... How about just some fun? Still, I've got to at least feel comfortable with "whoever" before I give it up. I'm handsome and looking for a mutual attraction. 6′, dark bl/br eyes, 180 lbs., versatile. You won't find me in the bars. I prefer wandering through woods, hangin' out with my dog, scuba diving, writing, and basically getting away. I think country-western dancing's pretty cool too. So, if you're a real person, an outdoors type into fitness, and at least somewhat "hot to trot," drop a line. PO Box 26556, SF 94126 or call ★★8707.

One Smart Hunk Deserves Another

29-yr.-old, bl/gr, 6′2″, professional w/cover boy face & surfer man bod, seeks a butch buddy for athletic and aesthetic events. Weightlifting, tennis, riding, hiking, skiing, rock climbing, Colossus/Box dancing, family get-togethers, plays, movies, rare book hunting, art galleries, A-list (or z-list) parties, restaurant testing, etc. Great looks, quick mind, and vibrant health are required. If sparks fly, sex will be a raging fire. One negative: I'm HIV+. Letter with photo appreciated—calls OK too. Reply BT Box JY81A or call ★★8708.

Leather Boy

With beard and large cigar seeks leather dads into unusual rim and oral scenes, including WS. Must have facial hair. Prefer 40-65. Be healthy. Also interested in being photographed while servicing. Photo replies appreciated. Average size dicks are great! Reply BT Box JY82A or call ★★8709.

Attractive GWM

Early twenties—in-shape, smart, closet-less, Jewish, masculine, active, seeks similar for possible relationship or summer fling. I'm 5′7″, with dark hair and eyes, 150 pounds. I'm looking for a good-looking, fit GWM or BiWM who likes to have a good time and is open to commitment. Call ★★8710.

German Bottom Seeks Top

With my big ole 8″ dick, people expect me to be on top and I've performed admirably. But I long for a genuine topman, any race, any age, who will teach me a thing or two. Successful GWM, 49, 5′8″, 165 lbs., full beard, HIV+. German background, light hair, blue eyes. Alabaster smooth buns. Be dark, be hairy, be real. Box #743, Hayward 94541 or call ★★8711.

Read This Ad...

When you're alone at night. Do you like watching videos, listening to music, good conversation? Do you like working out, long walks, movies, eating out, other fun times? Are you under 30, cute, in good shape? Then this 27 y.o. GWM, br/br, 6′2″, 190#, would like to talk to you. I'm friendly, clean-cut, handsome (many people have told me so), quiet, and at least halfway intelligent. Other stuff: I am in good shape, have long legs, very good hands, more top than bottom. What have you got to lose? Every reply answered. Reply BT Box JY83A or call ★★8712.

Visiting SF 8/92

Non-white GM sought by young-acting GWM, 42, 5′10″, 180, to show me the best SF has to offer and maybe the reason to move to SF permanently. Have always been attracted to types different (racially) than me. D.W., PO Box 1971, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Couples

Single GWM, 28, bearded, independent and stable, seeks GM couples in SF for 3-way sex/friendship. I'm HIV-, handsome, horny and hung; eager to enhance your sex, match your pace, respect your territory. I'll make a great top, bottom, moderator or towel boy for a sincere, stable couple. Please be drug-free, healthy, romantic and fun. Serious only. Call ★★8713.

Bottom's Dream

Progressive, horny, bubbly bottoms sought for simultaneous sexual stimulation & fulfillment to exhaustion. Sensual attention by warm & friendly GWM hot cpl tops (1 vers.), 30, 6′3″, 185 and 36, 6′2″, 195. We and you are cleanshaven, nonsmoker, HIV-, safe only. Turn-ons: GAM, GLM, blonds, smooth, spandex, feet, sox, 21-33. This is a sex ad, but please no bi-curious. Reply BT Box JY84A or call ★★8714.

Looking To Make A Good Friend In The East Bay

I am a GWM, 34 years old, 5′8″, 185 lbs., HIV-. Am living on a small, fixed income and have time to travel. Have a small trailer in the mountains to live in part-time. Am into travel, hiking, reading, pinball, drinking, music and oral sex. Am looking for a friend with a good personality, under 45 and HIV-, who is into oral sex. Reply BT Box JY85A.

Out Again

Good-looking, sexy, fun guy's been alone too long. Looking to date, have fun, sex, romance, see what develops. I'm GWM, 43, brn-gray/hazel, 6′, 175#, healthy HIV+. Intelligent, self-employed designer, involved in the arts, good sense of humor. I love modern dance, theater, gallery openings and performance as well as 49ers, mainstream film & TV. New interest in bicycling gets me to G.G. Park or Marin. Preferably you're my age or younger, my height or shorter and not a cigarette smoker or heavy drinker. Let's get together and check it out! Reply BT Box JY86A or call ★★8715.

Seeking Mature Man

A gentle, secure man with an irresistable longing to completely share a lifetime of honest, trusting, caring intimate love with same. I'm GWM, 49, 5′8″, 195, thinning gray hair, moustache, moderately attractive. I'm a warm, tender, romantic man and need someone who understands what it means to give and take, to share, to work together, to care what happens for the moment and for the future, both in our private world and the world around us. If you're about 45-55, GWM, HIV- (smoker/social drinker OK), secure and stable but feel a void that only laughing, living and loving together can fill, please call or write today. SF to San Jose preferred. Reply BT Box JY87A or call ★★8716.

I'm Ready...

Seeking stable, spiritual, lean/fit, hairy & radiant, HIV-, GWM, 25-35, 6′ or over, who loves outdoors and long weekends. You should have no fear of public affection—we may have to hold hands or give bear hugs, or wrestle to show how crazy we are about each other! (Words sometimes won't cut it.) I'm 27, close-cropped blond hair, blue eyes, moustache, 6′4″, slender, fit and masculine, HIV-, of German/Slavic descent—great legs and a magnetic smile, too! A tender, sensual, romantic, shy and lovable Aquarian who is spiritually grounded and conscious. Into good/healthy foods, non-drinker, no drugs. Avid city cyclist, love cars and road trips, into singles bar scene, but love to go out with friends, mildly twisted sense of humor and eclectic, part-time smoker. Looking for a future, and I want to be very attentive for the right man. Our alliance will be a gradual body and soul unity. Reply BT Box JY88A or call ★★8717.

Jockstrap Wrestling

Find out what it's like to wrestle with a handsome, masculine bodybuilder. I'm seeking other down-to-earth, muscular guys who enjoy a one-on-one struggle for dominance. Go ahead and call, you won't be disappointed. Call ★★8718.

QWM, 26, long hair, looking for alternative-type friends. I have a lot to offer and am tired of not getting a chance to express myself because I don't have the ultimately witty remarks right off the bat. I am not superficial—the deeper you go, the better it gets. I am occult, Scorpio, like hiking, exploring, coffee, vegetarian, the scene (sometimes), 6′1″, 160 lbs., br/br, good-looking, versatile. You are able to deal with your dark side, 22-33, somewhat sharp, good-looking, possibly Asian, not overweight. Reply BT Box JY89A or call ★★8719.

Wanted

Obedient slave boy, 18-30, to be kept naked, chained and available for my pleasure on command. Me: GWM, 48, 5′7″, 135 lbs., hairy, healthy. Need hot, juicy mouth and receptive butt. No drugs, smokers, fats or sluts. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JY90A or call ★★8720.

Pleasanton

Do you own a tuxedo and blue jeans? Like hiking and the symphony? Between 30-40, over 6′ tall, attractive, masculine and athletic? This tall, dark & handsome, athletic, 37-year-old GWM would like to share his exciting and adventurous life with you! Call ★★8721.

Non-Addicted, Long-Term, Ultimately Monogamous

Partner sought by GWM, 42, 6′2″, cleanshaven, hairy body, wit a professional sense of humor. You can talk (chilly silence is not acceptable), musician, writer, performer a plus. My friends say I'm attractive but that's why they're my friends. There is tenderness behind my honesty. Into mutual forgiveness, unusual kindness, emotional dependability. I usually like cleanshaven, slender, perky guys but I'm not trapped. Reply BT Box JY91A or call ★★8722.

Only Hot Bottoms Need Apply

You see—I like ass. I've mastered the art of ass massage. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking and use of a vibrator heighten a truly sensual and erotic experience. Safe sex follows. Me: Attractive, GWM, 40, 6′5″, 200 lbs. You: Attractive GWM, 21-35, with nice buns. If you dick's hard from reading this ad, better reply now. Reply BT Box JY92A or call ★★8723.

Captain Ashore, Seeks

Cabin boys for what cabin boys are for. Me: Very sensual, sexual-intellectual-educated; 5′9″, 158, dark hair, trim beard, going gray, in good shape at 48, feel 28; gentle, loving. You: Slim, smooth, young, hung? Love to be lovingly fucked, sucked, held, hugged? Independent but loyal? Intelligent, educated? Love the waterside? No smoke, drugs. Letter; phone; photo? Box 5414, Novato 94949 or call ★★8724. Come into Marin!

We're Feeling Alike

I'm East Bay, healthy, bearded, gdlkg GWM, 40s, 5′10″, 140 lbs., tan, hairy, and responsible, inquiring if you want a quality friend to talk to and share with, feel heartache being by yourself on a beautiful, warm day or evening, like '50s-'70s music and cars—especially Cadillacs, are alone at family/social functions not having your partner to be with or see when returning home, hunger for cut-offs only drives, the beach, barefoot walks, intimacy, sensual/safe sexual togetherness, enjoy home, old movies, cards, board games and dominoes, awaken alone during the night knowing another man's feeling as you do? Yes? Let's help each other: Identical physicale/age characteristics not important, but no alcohol or drugs. Reply (photo helpful) BT Box JY93A or call ★★8725.

Marin Bear!

Long, wet kisses, playful eager tongue, cuddling the night away, endless sleepovers, sensual hibernation and more offered by educated, working artist. WM, 38 yrs., 6′, 245#, nonsmoker, HIV-, with irreverent sense of humor, strong sense of reality, seeking stable WM, honest, reliable and non-addicted for fun, games and passionate adventures. PO Box 269, Mill Valley 94942 or call ★★8726.

East Bay For Relationship—One To One

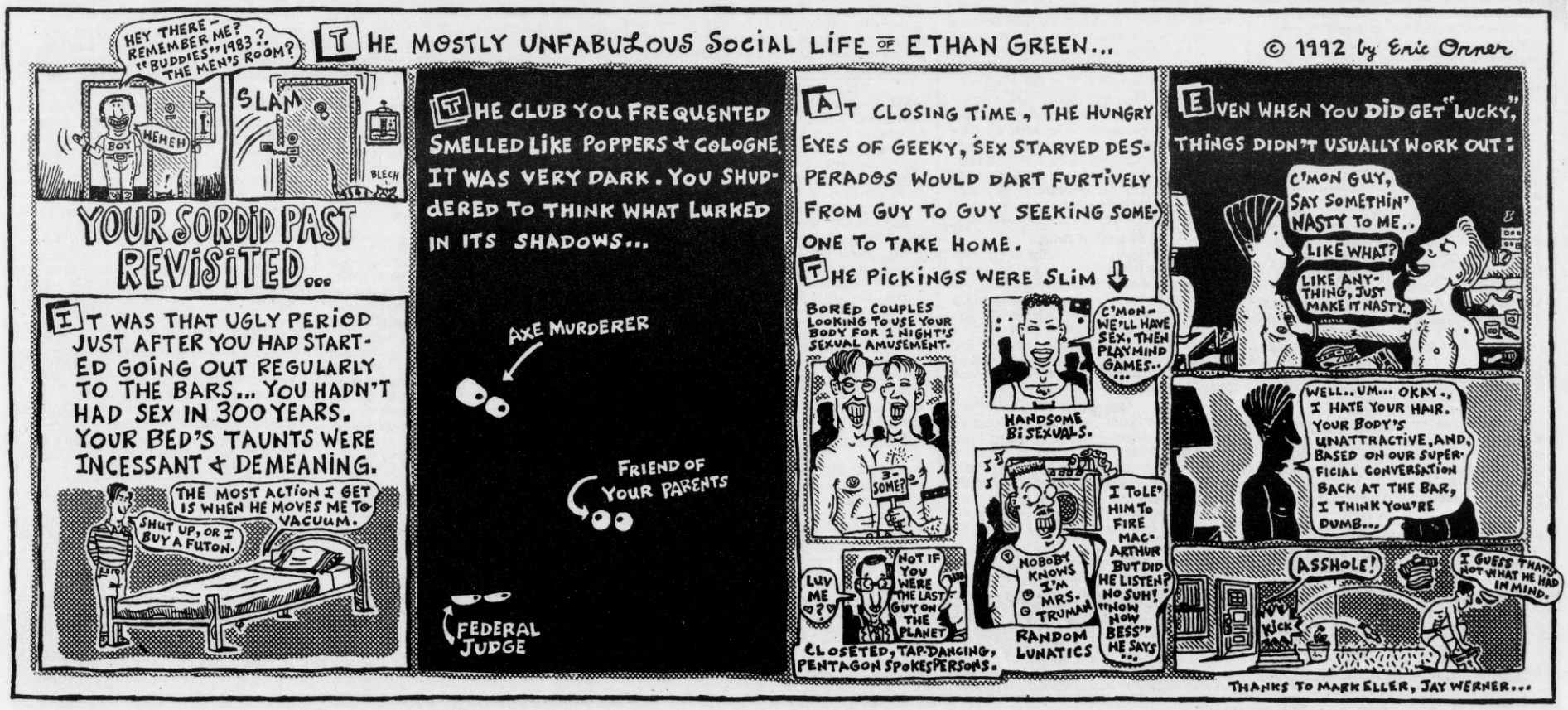
GBM, 21, 5′7″, blk hair, brn eyes, loves to dance, watch movies, talk and be in a relationship, seeks GWM, 21-30, poss. in East Bay, trim, fit, nonsmkr w/good sense of direction and humor, prefer car, someone who likes to have fun and laugh, someone who believes in and wants a monogamous relationship. Sex pref. oral, no penetration, should love to kiss, cuddle and do lover things. Please write PO Box 7052, San Mateo 94403 or call ★★8727. Photos welcomed and encouraged, please!

Olive Brown

The truth? I am most attracted to men with olive skin, black hair, cleanshaven, often Asian, especially Filipino; sensitive, bright, warm, romantic, willing to talk about everything. There is more to a good connection, but I put these "out" as a place to start. I am blond, blue-eyed, 160#, 5′8″, HIV-, 50, East Bay, professional, intelligent, "history" at bisexualism. Call ★★8728.

Friend, Lover, Partner

I'm an attractive GWM seeking to meet mid-30s to early-40s men who possess warmth, emotional maturity, intelligence and a sense of fun and adventure about life; who want romance and perhaps a lasting relationship. I'm 37, 5′8″, sporting graying dark hair and moustache, Midwestern at heart, thoughtful, professional, and financially secure. I enjoy flea markets, restoring old furniture, long walks, cooking and entertaining, and, of course, sex. We both have the patience to get to know someone and want to work toward an equal partnership. If this speaks to your heart and sparks your imagination, please contact me. Call ★★8729.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AXE MURDERER
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C'MON — WE'LL HAVE SEX, THEN PLAY MIND GAMES...
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NOBODY KNOWS I'M MRS. TRUMAN
I TOLE' HIM TO FIRE MACARTHUR BUT DID HE LISTEN? NO SUH! "NOW NOW BESS" HE SAYS...
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EVEN WHEN YOU DID GET "LUCKY," THINGS DIDN'T USUALLY WORK OUT:
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Married Man

29, lean, great shape. Looking for hot safe sex with GWM under 30, during lunch, late afternoon or possibly early evening in San Jose/Santa Clara area. Must have own place. Prefer younger men, hot bodies, slim boyish or BB type and versatile. Me: Good-looking, versatile, hot, workout, but not BB. Must be discreet since I'm married. Fulfill your fantasy while I fulfill mine. Three-way maybe? Call ★★8730.

Master/Daddy/Top

Master, daddy, top-type, looking for boy or bottom-type to enjoy life with. Top is 43, gymed, 6′, 185. Major interests include bondage, movies, sports, beach, reading, long romantic drives, and just fun. Dates OK, but am also looking for someone to relate to for other than the bedroom activities. Would like to see what Sunday afternoon holds. Sharing and caring. Let's have fun. Age open. Reply BT Box JY94A or call ★★8731.

Blacks Or Latinos

Blacks or Latinos who want head. Masc. GWM, mid-40s, wants to give that service. Open to other things. I'm in E. Bay. Call ★★8732.

Relationship Wanted

Hi! I'm 25, 6′1″, 195 lbs., attractive, intelligent, sensitive, caring, relationship-oriented, and I enjoy photography, computers, outdoors, writing and meeting you! You are intelligent, sensitive, independent, emotionally stable, and looking for someone to share a relationship with. You are under 35 and you see yourself sharing your life and a home with your partner. You understand the difference between loving a relationship and loving a man and you seek the latter. Please respond only if you are serious and not playing games. Write: E.G., PO Box 4307, Napa 94558 or call ★★8733.

Intimate Cuddlers

Are hard to find sometimes—well, now you have. Attractive GWM, 5′9″, 155#, bl/bl, HIV+, smoker with facial hair, looking for a hot top who likes cuddling among many other things. Let's get together to talk first and see if sparks ignite. Who knows where it could lead—friends or more than just friends. Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 14421, SF 94114 or call ★★8734.

Queer Boys Into S/M

Too perverted for the "mainstream" homo community, yet not comfortable in the leather/Folsom scene either? Know you like bondage, spanking, roles, pain, piercing—or just curious? Handsome dominant top, 33, dark hair/eyes/goatee & moustache, couldn't care less about leather chaps but am absolutely queer for hot bottom boys with "alternative" looks/outlook. I've got a wicked mind and a pronounced mean streak. You should be valiant, pliable, sexy—and real serious (not somber) about our getting where we want to be. Reply BT Box JY95A or call ★★8735.

Looking But Not Desperate

Handsome, 6′, 165 lbs., 42, lt. complexion, masculine, healthy, good bod, HIV-, lt. brown hair, blue eyes, adventurous, fun loving and reasonably stable, looking for something new in my life—maybe you? Are you under 45, masculine, good-looking, healthy, with an in-shape physique, down-to-earth and a good sense of humor? If so please reply with detailed letter and photo. Reply BT Box JY96A.

Wouldn't Mind Falling In Love

I'm attractive GWM, intelligent, 35, HIV-, slender, curly brown hair and beard, glasses, smooth, 5′11″, 140#. Currently in career change but financially stable. Learning to be patient with myself and my own limitations. Becoming more adventurous. Enjoy travel, urban walks and rural hikes. Playful. Enjoy reading, enjoy improv. Eclectically spiritual. (Don't like dogma.) Sometimes shy and cautious. Enjoy making love. Would like to get to know you a little before being sexual. You: 35-55, attractive GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinker OK. Gentle and playful with a warm heart. Self-aware. Able to communicate and listen. Furry, bearded, red hair or Southern accent are pluses but not necessary. OK, I admit it, often I am looking for a daddy type, but I need someone who is flexible with give and take in a relationship and not rigid in role playing. Call ★★8736.

Attractive Asian

Seeks a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual encounters. No strings attached. I'm healthy, athletic, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3037 or call ★★8737.

Alternative Queers

Looking for someone warm, fun & smart? Me too! Attractive, open & affectionate QWM, 31, HIV+, 5′9″, 155, average build, nonsmoker, brown hair, green eyes. I'm seeking individuals to date, 25-35, who appreciate themselves and express this by communicating with honesty and humor. My interests include art, books and conversation (silly to serious, at dinner, on long walks, best in bed after...). I like non-mainstream guys, lots of kissing & holding. If sparked or curious reply BT Box JY97A or call ★★8738.

A Breath Of Fresh Air

Gay Latin male, 6′2″, 250 lbs., prof/clean-cut, hairy chest/back. I am drug-free and basically wholesome. My objective is to simply meet others to share life experiences and companionship. If your main objective is romance, this may not be your ad. I am not available for one-night stands. Call ★★8739.

Balanced Spiritual/Physical

Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer/coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented soulmate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, open-minded, aware, adaptable, intuitive, inner beauty, devoted, healthy mind/body, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, young at heart. GWM, 44, 5′7″, 122. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★8740.

Queer Pal

23 y.o. queer, just in from New York, looking for an intense, challenging friendship. I'm into Coil, Sonic Youth, Brian Eno, 808 State, Psychic TV, Current 93, Marx, Nietszche, Deleuze, Foucault, radical feminism, genderfuck, Cronenberg, Van Sant, hemp, JFK, Dennis Cooper, Avital Ronell, courage, faith, William Shatner, Matt Dillon, dim sum, Jennifer Willcox, Mary Petrie. I'm not into pettiness, self-doubt, or anybody who drains instead of gives. Reply BT Box JY98A or call ★★8741.

The First Time

I was ten. It was fun. I didn't know any better. Then, not 'till I was 18. I felt like I'd done something wrong. I thought I knew better. But now I'm happily gay. And it's much better. So am I. We're both tall, fit, HIV-, masculine, good-looking, 25-35, love our jobs, but also have active outside interests. Personally, I'm into politics, tennis and the outdoors. And you? Reply BT Box JY99A.

Seeking Older GBM

GWM, late 30s, handsome, athletic, HIV-, seeks GBM 45 or older for sexual liaison and friendship. Prefer masculine Black man who is versatile but knows how to take charge. Hairy, bearded and uncut are all pluses. Should be stocky, NS, HIV-, and know what you want out of life; willing to share and be nurturing. Reply BT Box JY100A or call ★★8742.

Have You Got The Answers?

Are you a nonsmoker, 28-42, 5′10″ or under, and clean-cut? Are you looking for someone who's funny, masculine, attractive and laid-back? Do you like men who are compassionate, romantic and spiritual, but not religious? Do you enjoy movies, eating out, workouts and quiet evenings in? Does the possibility of intimacy with an oral and tactile man arouse you? If so, then this man (39, 5′8″, 150#, and HIV-) wants to hear from you! Reply BT Box JY101A or call ★★8743.

Asian + Asian

After years of being fascinated with all different types of beautiful people, now I wake up in the morning yearning for one good Asian man right next to me. Attractive GAM, 35, 5′11″, 165 lbs., seeks that special Asian man to develop a quality relationship with, and to fill the chemistry, compatibility & comfortableness we both are looking for. Reply BT Box JY102A or call ★★8744.

The Best of British

Gay man from England, 40, 142 lbs., 5′11″, HIV-, well-established graphic artist in the community, own business and doing well. Seeks GWM, GAM or GLM for meaningful dates leading to strong, loving relationship. Age 27-40, interest in design, music, dance, cooking, theater, etc. If you fit the above and you are reasonably attractive (like me), please give me a call. I hate message machines for a greeting but I will return your call. Call ★★8745.

Bang Me!

I love me a lot. Would like to love you too a lot. You must be single, available, outgoing, enjoy long drives, have a car; enjoy movies, jazz, music, talking, writing and safe sex. Prefer mature, stable, financially successful white men, 32-55 only. No photo, no address, no reply. I am a Black male, 47, 5′9″, 165, HIV-, nonsmoker, likeable and good-natured at PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604.

Handsome, Masculine Man Wanted

To explore relationship possibilities. You should enjoy exploring the great outdoors and truly enjoy mountain biking, bicycle touring, hiking, 24-40, nonsmoker, HIV-, easygoing with weekends free, financially secure. I'm 32, tall, lean, live in SF but don't go to bars. I'd like my companion to be positive, energetic, honest, monogamous, environmentally conscious, and my best friend. Call ★★8746.

South Bay Asian Male

Tall, 31, attractive, professional, culturally savvy, with curiosity, loves conversation, travel, dancing, fitness, romance, good food and fine wine. Smart, independent, enjoy a quiet life. Looking for a self-achieving gentleman with savoir-faire, integrity, warm heart and lust for life. Please respond with a brief description of your interests. Photos appreciated. PO Box 1105, Mountain View 94040 or call ★★8747.

GWM Loves Asians, Latinos

Handsome prof., 35, 6′, 170#, brn/hzl, HIV-, with a great sense of humor, into motorcycle riding, clubs, cafes, adventure, romance, art, alternative music and cuddling up on the couch in front of the TV. I'm looking for a guy 20-32, emotionally and financially stable, interested in a long-term, monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box JY103A or call ★★8748.

Mature Son Seeks Mature Daddy

GWM, 47, 5′8″, 180 lbs., HIV-, nonsmoker, moderate drinker, very sincere, nice guy type, attractive, seeks partner for permanent, sharing and caring live together relationship with intimate times and safe sex. San Francisco only. Interests include: quiet evenings at home, enjoying the city, the arts, trips up the coast, Mac computer, going out occasionally with friends. Very sincere only reply to BT Box JY104A.

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40, WM, 6′, 160, brn/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudists for social, recreational activities, non-sexual friendship only. Prefer mid-40s or younger, college students welcome. Penpals welcome. Nudist group forming. Wanted: individuals with self-contained motor home who would be interested in clothing-optional living situation on 100 acres, secluded, very rustic, private property. Wanted: maintenance/handyman volunteers. Contact: PO Box 0406-BT, Gonzales 93926 or call ★★8749.

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Seeking Man of Color

WM, 42, 5′7″, 155 lbs., HIV-, hairy bottom, dark blond hair, seeks masculine top, Black, Latin, Pacific Islander, any age, for fun, friendship, quality time and sex. I'm attracted to men with good looks, well built or stocky, happy positive attitude, sense of humor and enjoy life, would like a mentor to exercise with, walks on beach and more. Call ★★8751.

Sex Is Good! Love Is Best!

GWM, 53 (look 40), 5′7″, 140#, brn/gray hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, hairy chest, HIV-, nonsmoker, 7″ cut; Greek active; French active/passive; nice looking, masculine, slim, professional music industry, amateur pianist, thoughtful, affectionate, independent, intelligent, sincere, seeks lifemate. You: 25-45 (younger or older OK if mature and in shape); masculine, handsome or cute, slender, nonsmoker, HIV-, available to relocate to South Bay. I like romantic, attentive, loving, caring person. No phonies, inmates, drunks, druggers, shallow types. Exchange photos. I love animals, plants, movies, music, TV, friends, dancing. Write: PO Box 620, Redwood Estates 95044. Not my first ad!

Just Casual Sex

Good-looking, South Bay GWM, 35, reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, 6′2″, and 200 lbs., seeking casual encounters with young males, white or Latino, 18-23, in Northern Calif. Not looking for a relationship, just a lot of fun or whatever. PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252 or call ★★8752.

South Bay

Slightly older (51) GWM, 6′1″, 195 lbs., would like to meet you for friendship/possible relationship. I'm generally thought to be a nice guy, sincere, professional, who enjoys the arts, movies, fun times and quiet times. Not into types particularly, but you are probably a GAM over 30. Your personality and values are more important. Reply BT Box JY105A or call ★★8753.

Searching For Mate

GLM, 40, 175#, 5′5″, HIV-, Mediterranean features, balding, dark brown eyes/hair, moustache, hairy, bilingual, bicultural, spiritual but not fanatical, politically liberal, well-educated (M.S. UCLA; currently doctoral student UC). I'm passionate, a bit shy, warm, affectionate, quietly masculine, not into macho B.S. I enjoy music, exercising, movies, nature, quiet times. I seek GWM, 35-45, HIV-, weight in proportion to height, beard/moustache +, employed a must, college educated +, professional, ND, NS, able to laugh at your human foibles. Please no games. Be sure of yourself, in touch with your inner self, and not afraid to mutually explore intimacy and relationship. I live + work in SF. Reply BT Box JY106A or call ★★8754.

Philo, Anyone?

GWM, 29 y.o., 165 lbs., 5′6″, black hair, cleanshaven, with a hairy bod. Newly relocated oenology-wannabe seeks to meet gay men in the Anderson Valley for socializing. I prefer well-integrated, intelligent, fun, honest, warm and adventuresome guys to hang out with. I have a wide range of interests: music, reading, writing, cooking, hiking, beachcombing, movies, etc. I'm always open to new adventures. Platonic as well as romantic encouraged to respond! PO Box 592, Philo CA 95466.

Mature English Leather

Englishman, East Bay, 50s, designer/actor, manic gardener, with lovely home, Honda 1000, leather, needs life partner/lover, HIV-, responsible, independent, music lover, gregarious, humorous, loving, 30-60 (?). I'm 5′9″, 165, dark, balding, rugged looks, big personality. I love entertaining, fine arts, open air. I lost my longtime lover to AIDS in '89 and have much love to give the right man. Call ★★8755.

Why Don't You Have A Boyfriend?

That's what my friends ask me and, frankly, je ne sais pas pourquoi. Available, attractive, 27 y.o., tall, green-eyed boy with lots of abilities (accomplished cook, writer, joke-teller) recently opened fortune cookie predicting my meeting him soon. So... where are you? Please be sincere, have more than ½ a brain, and be comfortable with your looks. Reply BT Box JY107A or call ★★8756.

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Am I the only versatile homo? I'm 32, 5′10½″ and 152#. You're versatile, HIV-free, and under thirty-seven. Use my box: "IM12," PO Box 561, Brisbane 94005 or phone me: ★★8757.

Shy, Honest, HIV-, WM Seeks Friend

28, WM, 215, 6′2″, brn/hzl, good-looking, enjoys camping, movies, volleyball, biking, seeks male, 18-32, looks unimportant but personality is. Not into bar scene, nonsmoker. I'm new to this so show me what you've got and teach me. PO Box 53732, San Jose 95153 or call ★★8758.

Alex Karras, Cliff Claven And Ted Knight

These are men this Black man admires. More: I'm 40, 5′10″, 170 lbs., well-endowed, a top and talented bodyworker also. Other interests include nature, sports, music, film. Sincerity, discretion and intensely stimulating sessions guaranteed to the right man. Occupant, PO Box 7441, Oakland 94601 or call ★★8759.

Young Bondage Enthusiast

GWM student looking for others to age 35 for safe, sane, erotic bondage. I am interested in cleanshaven Asian, Latin and white guys to play mutually or be under my control. Have lots of toys and am relatively new at this but sincere. Your interest could be my interest—take a chance. Leather, rubber and iron are my specialties. No S/M or torture. Call ★★8760.

Communication Alert!

Gay Jewish male, 51, 6′ tall, 230#, balding brown hair with matching moustache and neatly trimmed short beard. I am a unique individual who can be together sometimes and scattered at other times. Still working on my family issues (do we ever finish?) and hoping to meet someone to share life with as I proceed on my journey down a river that has enough white water to make it interesting. I'm a university professor as well as an artist. I'm fun to be with, enjoy theater, walking and in-depth conversation with people I like and love. I don't smoke, drink or use drugs. Sincerity and humor are my strong points. As I become longer in the tooth I find that I'm getting more interested in my Jewish heritage and how it blends with my beautiful gay heritage and hope that some who respond might have similar interests. But who's counting? I believe in letting romance develop only after a strong foundation of friendship has been laid (no pun intended). I live near Santa Rosa but I come into the city often. If interested reply BT Box JY108A or call ★★8761.

Starman

At an earthy bottom looking to a heavenly top. Let's exhilarate and accelerate. A typical SF pedigree: GWM, 44, exceptionally fit, lean, blond/blue, trim beard, 5′11″, 150#, professional, HIV+ nine years and in harmony. Backup: Bridge? Reply BT Box JY109A or call ★★8762.

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Good-looking, in-shape, 36-year-old, former Bostonian, looking for Renaissance man with good sense of humor, who likes to engage in discussions about anything & everything. I'm 5′4″, dark bld/brown, easygoing, kind, passionate, versatile. Interests: history, music, Egyptology, languages, travel, life in the outdoors, metaphysics, varied cuisine. HIV-. If you're 30-38, well-adjusted, secure, and just itching to share the best of a multi-dimensional life with a nice guy who has spirit and lots more to offer, call and write, with photo. I know you're out there, and I've been waiting for you, too! Reply BT Box JY110A or call ★★8763.

The Biggest Batch Of Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies

And a great big kiss await you when you discover how great a man-to-man relationship can be with each other. I'm a professional GAM, mid-thirties, 5′6″, 135 lbs., HIV-, interested in meeting a professional GM (any age, race) who is kind, gentle and amorous. Let's connect conversationally, spiritually and physically for a mutually satisfying friendship and relationship. Reply BT Box JY111A.

Queer Musician Seeks Sex & Friends

Me: 35-yr.-old queer boy, 6′, 175#, into radical queer politics and culture. I like: Monk & Mingus, old gospel and thrash metal, DPN and ACT UP, and safe, sensual sex. You: 40 or under, into art & politics. No: Republicans, assimilationists or Judy Garland freaks. Reply BT Box JY112A or call ★★8764.

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You and I share similar morals, values and goals. We are kind-hearted, nonjudgmental, generous, sincere, and easygoing. We desire a stable, monogamous, loving relationship that will last forever. We want the "American dream" (i.e., beautiful home, happy family life). We are dedicated professionals. We are attractive and masculine. Physically I'm GWM, mature 26, 5′11″, 160#, brown hair/eyes, cleanshaven, with well-defined, muscular body and HIV-. We are adventurous, willing to try anything! I enjoy working out, athletics, hiking, traveling, intellectual conversation... There are plenty of men out there, but seeking Mr. Right. Please respond with photo. I live in Contra Costa. Reply BT Box JY113A.

Calvin Seeks Hobbes For Tiger Love

This Calvin is GWM, 35, 5′10″, 125#, slim, boyish looks, brown hair/eyes, moustache, HIV+, nonsmoker/very light drinker. My interests range from movies, dining out, travel, the arts, and cooking. Pragmatic, yet have a great sense of humor, and very affectionate. Desirous of building a home life. As far as my ideal Hobbes goes, he is a 40 to 50 y.o. dad type, 5′10″ to 6′2″, salt and pepper hair/moustache, hairy chest and a nice build. Perhaps a professional businessman/exec or a police officer. (Very interested in meeting a policeman.) He's masculine yet sensitive, affectionate, nurturing, communicative, and has a sense of humor. Also, understanding of my HIV+ status. Someone who likes movies, nonsmoker/light drinker, loves to eat, and enjoys good times. I'm shy about dating, but my goal is to meet a man to share life's adventures in a loving, committed relationship of mutual respect and support, fostering individuality and togetherness. If this sounds like your forte, reply with recent photo (will return). Reply BT Box JY114A.

Hand In Hand

SF bearded GWM, 50s, 5′10″, 140, HIV-, NS/ND, light drinker, seeking relationship-oriented masculine buddy over 40 for friendship and beyond. We enjoy music, travel, films, pets, affectionate, sense of humor, spirituality. The important ingredient is that sexual chemistry that will make our differences unimportant. An appreciation of boots, jockstraps, leather couldn't hurt. Reply with photo/optional. Reply BT Box JY115A or call ★★8765.

Bpen Khon Thai Mai?

San Francisco GWM looking for Thai friends. I'm taking Thai lessons (reading as well as speaking) and would like someone to help with my conversation. I find very thin Thai guys most attractive, but I'm also interested in just making friends and learning more about Thai culture. I'm 50 (look

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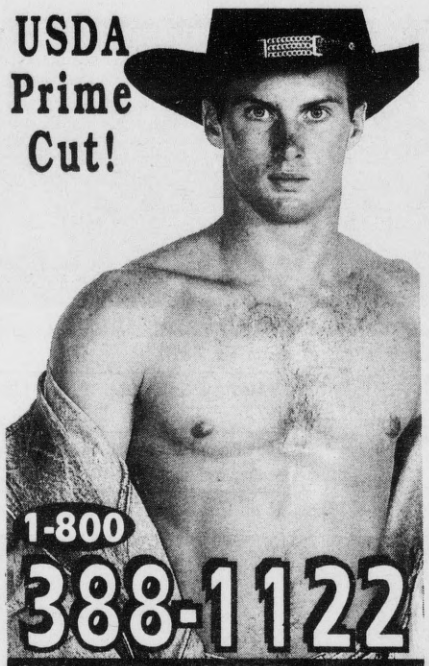

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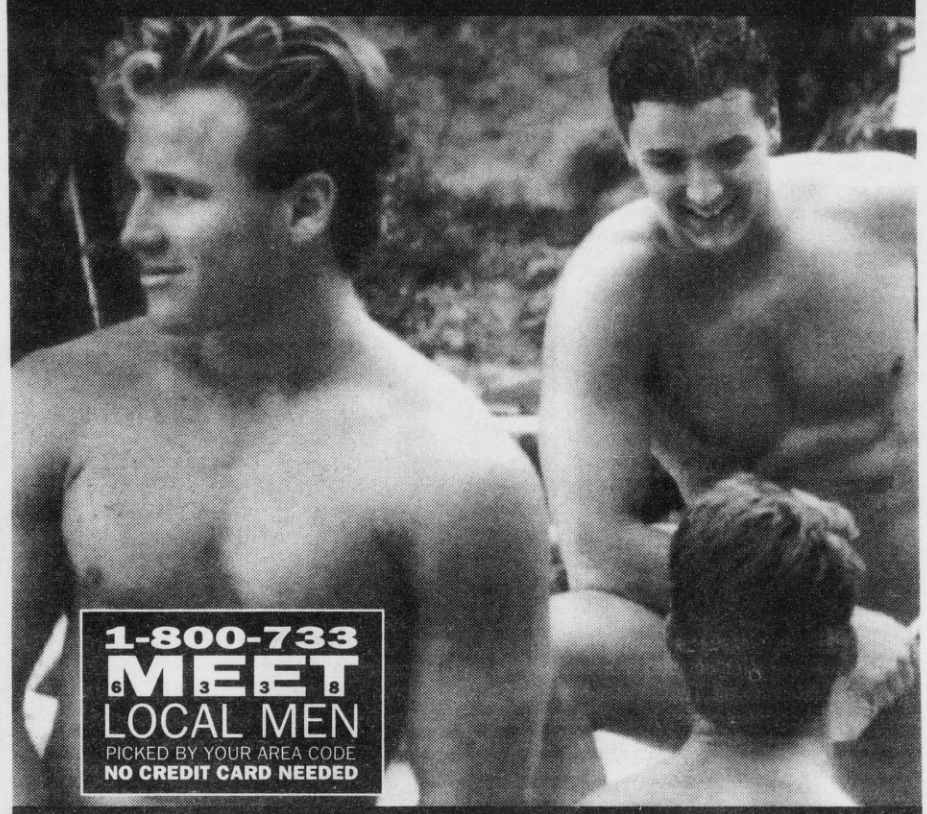

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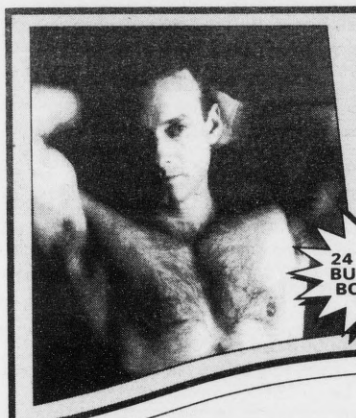

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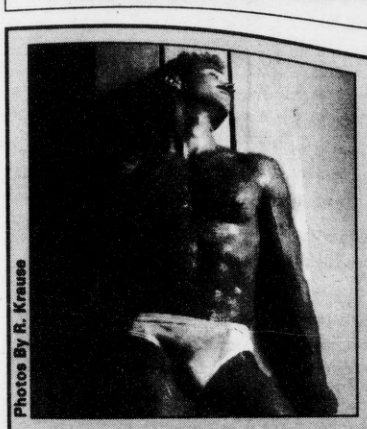

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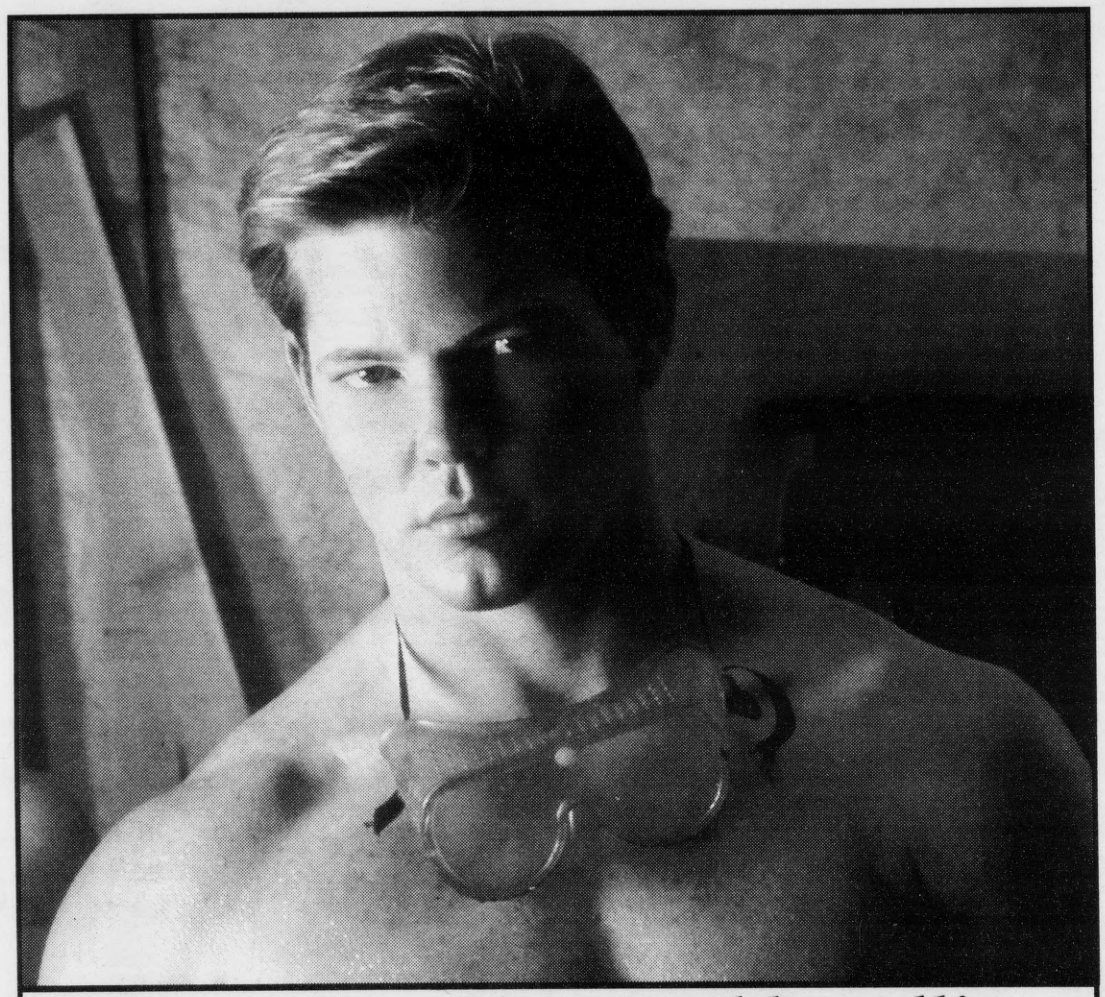

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You want the same essentials in your partner/relationship as I do. They are and you are: GWM, 35-44, masculine, HIV-, nonsmoker, monogamous, in good shape but not gym-centered, excellent communicator, vulnerable, a bottom in bed and a sensual man who enjoys expressing feelings through touch. You're a "whole" person but wish to grow with a partner. Enjoys day trips, movies, motorcycling, sci-fi, quiet dinners. My stats are: GWM, 39, 5'11", 175, br/bl, with beard with white. If you comply, won't you please write or call. Photo requested but not required and will be returned. Reply BT Box JY118A or call ★★8768.

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Where are you? Looking for youngsters? Given up hope? There is happiness after 40. (Isn't there?) I am 45, healthy, slim, 5'10", HIV-. I seek an approximate age mate for a relationship, emotionally mature, affectionate, loving. Interests include bicycling, sailing (if you've got a boat), conversation, music and others. I'm intelligent, likeable and loveable. You've never met me before. So make that call or send that letter. Reply BT Box JY120A or call ★★8770.

Seeking Relationship

With a younger attr./trim, 18-40, GWM, bi, or even straight as I will bi-train. I am a young-looking/acting GWM, 68, 5'8", 170, somewhat hairy, silver/gray hair, moustache, cut and nicely endowed, and HIV-, like you should be too. I'm dom. but very affectionate and sexual. Ongoing friendship leading to poss. relationship is what we both need and want. "Lover," 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★8771.

St. Helena Area

GWM, 31, 6'1", 205 lbs., attractive, HIV+, long-term and healthy, educated, secure, honest, caring and in touch with life. Enjoy the little things: a peaceful existence, a good giggle, writing, reading and experiencing life. Do you have similar qualities? Are you looking for a relationship to enhance our mutual values? Don't let my location deter you. I am willing to commute and my time is flexible. Please write. Reply BT Box JY121A or call ★★8772.

Body And Soul?

Attracted to smooth, good-looking Asians, Latins or ?, but also seeking more serious Partner (or just-friends, all types): easygoing but stable lifestyle, quiet nights at home or ?, no heavy alcohol/drugs, ethnic food, Far Side-Looney Tunes sense of humor, Falcon-Bjorn fantasy, music (pop, jazz, sacred, etc.), Moderate-Christian or ?, philosophy, Twilight Zone.... I'm WM, 29, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★8773.

New Listing

Upper Market. Charming, secure, well-maintained, built 1953. Bright with excellent views, reflects pride of ownership (work out regularly), needs T.L.C. GWM, brown/blue, 5'10", 155 lbs., professional. Perfect for NS, HIV-, successful, quick-witted, in-shape, GWM, 30-45, who enjoys romance, hiking and music. By owner, please call ★★8774.

Looking For Bearded Men

Good-looking, 32-year-old, Latin male looking to meet dark-haired, bearded men. I'm very active, into tennis, hiking, skiing, work out at the gym. I have a slim, smooth, toned body, dark hair and eyes. 5'6", 130 lbs. Reply with photo (returned). Reply BT Box JY122A or call ★★8775.

Muscular And Trim

Good-looking, masculine GWM, 37, 5'11", 174#, clean-cut, healthy, HIV+, free weights or run 6 times a week. Easygoing (T-shirt and jeans), down-to-earth professional. Playful, passionate, high sex drive, energetic, versatile/bottom. Interests: dining out, C&W dancing, theater. Looking for passion, closeness, friendship, hopefully leading to romance, commitment, relationship. Be in-shape, 25-48 and playful. Reply BT Box JY123A or call ★★8776.

Outdoor Adventurer

Handsome WM, 32, tall and lean, brown/green, HIV-, nonsmoker, looking to meet a masculine guy, under 40, also HIV-, nonsmoker, who enjoys the outdoors. I like mountain/road biking, hiking, backpacking and cross-country skiing. I'm intelligent, easygoing, in good shape, professionally employed and want to find a guy who shares similar interests. Interested in dating first; long-term goal is to be in a monogamous relationship. Call ★★8777.

Seashells And Beads

You bring me seashells and beads, love, compassion and loyalty. I bring you the same. We both explore and share. Develop friendship with each other and others. Perhaps become lovers. I'm a thinking, feeling being who approaches life with passion, intensity, intelligence. Emotionally available/healthy. I'm 35, 5'7", 165 lbs., fair, smooth, with all-American boyish good looks. Work out regularly and have a lucrative career in computers. You should be handsome/cute, emotionally available/healthy, and compatible with me. Reply BT Box JY124A or call ★★8778.

Pot Of Gold

At the end of the rainbow is waiting for you. If you are GWM, 27 to 35 y.o., HIV-, medium to tall height, very healthy, fit, muscular, with a swimmer's or gymnast's build. Huge is not important. Slim, trim, and very attractive is! Me: GWM, 35 y.o., HIV-, very financially secure. I am very slender and fit; 6'5" tall, dark and handsome. I have black hair, brown eyes and a moustache. I've been working out hard for that special someone (who I haven't found yet) and my friends say I look great. Is that special someone you? I am well travelled, love dining out, cuddling in bed and very safe sex. I am also a top and am aggressive but also like someone to be aggressive too! If I sound interesting to you, please give me a chance, you won't be disappointed. Please, serious only respond. No kinky or one-nighters please. I have so much to offer the right person. Letter & photo is good, or simply call. Reply BT Box JY125A or call ★★8779.

Postman Rings Twice

Recently left the postal service and am looking for a friend to travel with. I'm 50, fit, nice looking, practice Yoga, HIV+, like theater, art, architecture, movies, and outdoor adventures. Reply BT Box JY126A or call ★★8780.

"Just Out! Gotta Love Me!"

This 23-year-old, 5'6", 134#, GAM "newborn" is sincere, unassuming, educated, inexperienced, athletic, assertive, focused, mature, masculine, who prefers very discreet, intelligent, honest, healthy, mature, masculine GM (22-30) for a relationship. Enjoy dancing but still haven't gone to the bars because don't know their location... no joke. Other interests: Chess, reading, bowling, bicycling. Advanced tennis players a+. New to the Bay Area. Reply BT Box JY127A or call ★★8781.

Beefy Seeks Chubby

WM, 46, 5'10", 215 lbs., hairy Italian bear, looking to meet heavier guy for fun, friendship and whatever else happens. Prefer 25-45, sexually versatile, 250+. Send photo if available and detailed letter. Don't be shy. PO Box 291, Daly City 94016-0291 or call ★★8782.

True Companion

This loving, affectionate, compassionate, romantic, rebellious, irreverent, meditative teddy bear is looking for another seasoned traveller of the path to be my true companion. I am a masculine GWM, 45, 5'8", 180, brown/gray hair, hazel eyes, full gray beard, HIV-, with a muscular, chunky body. I am attracted to warm-hearted, imaginative, bearded, virile, stocky men who are unafraid of intimacy and are willing to be open. My interests include: film, nature, Van Morrison, Bonnie Raitt, Enya, Stephen Levine, art, meditation, safe sex and life's mystery. Please include a photo with any written response. Reply to: Occupant, 38 Miller Ave., Suite 126, Mill Valley 94941 or call ★★8783.

Summer Buddy

Attractive guy, 40, German/Hispanic, brown hair, green eyes, 175 lbs., good build, clean-cut, creative professional. I am smart and friendly and I am looking for a masculine dark or tanned straightforward professional man, who is health-conscious, HIV-, who enjoys water and would like to meet another masculine man for summer fun. Write to R., PO Box 1204, Los Altos 94023 or call ★★8784.

Att: Bicycle Jocks

Bicycle jock, 38, 6', 195, straight-acting, looking for same. You: 18-28, blond or redhead, cleanshaven, solid, pleasant, laid-back attitude. Hairy chest and legs a plus. Great legs a plus also. Let's go riding, on or off road and get all sweaty from a great time and workout. In the evening you can get another great workout by pumping me in the bedroom like you did with your bike during the day. Reply to PO Box 1551, Martinez 94553 or call ★★8785.

Hey You... (Yeah You!!!)

... Ever been on a mini-vacation in the boonies? The kind of weekend where you and a bud zipped two sleeping bags together and held each other all night under the stars. Yes, you guessed it—another hopeless romantic!!! Sure, I've had my "cheap sex moments of glory" but they were just that—moments.... As for me I'm 31, 6'1", 165 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. I'm very masculine, good-looking to cute, usually tan, very friendly and outgoing. As for you, you're over 18 but not over 32, don't live in clubs, have a generally optimistic outlook, are playful but have a serious side with a fantastic sense of humor! Extra points given for other hopeless romantics (after all, I'm the world's best kisser!). I don't believe in instant anything but everything has to start somewhere—maybe this time it could just be with a phone call... Reply BT Box JY128A or call ★★8786.

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FAX Your Love To Me!

And meet me by the sea. Nice guy from the East Coast hoping to meet another nice, romantic guy. One who enjoys both my fun and serious sides. I like art, especially Matisse, jazz, travel, eating out, dancing and Robert Frost. I have blond hair, blue eyes, 160, 5'9", 29. No drugs, very light alcohol. I have a challenging career that I love. And you? Call ★★8788.

Muscular, Masculine German

Wants relationships with very muscular, masculine men of any age or race. Especially interested in Black men and other men of color, and men who seek interracial group friendships. Must be healthy, muscular, politically progressive like me. I'm 6', 180 lbs., into most safe activities. Exchange photos, interests, interracial experiences, etc. Reply BT Box JY129A or call ★★8789.

Hercules?

We're looking for a well-endowed Hercules who'd love two adoring, sensual, in-shape men (one hairy dark dude and his buddy, a smooth blond) to give him an erotic fantasy of pleasure. Tell us your dreams and desires. You deserve a break and fine appreciation. Call ★★8790.

Serious, Intimate Relationship

I'm looking for a serious, intimate relationship with someone whose values I share. I'm 44, 5'7", slim, European-born, Jewish, HIV-, and an artist. I think a lot depends on chemistry. But I'm generally attracted to bright, sensitive people with a sense of humor. If you're 30-50 and you would like to talk further, perhaps we could meet for coffee and see how things go. Reply BT Box JY130A or call ★★8791.

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Well, here's your chance (and mine). I'm in my late 30s, masculine, good-looking, clean-cut, 5'11" and lean, a multi-degreed professional living on the Peninsula, exercised (however, my libido need more attention), with a passion for family, children, education, basketball, tennis, biking, food (it's oral and safe), fast cars and torrid sensuality. I'm patiently looking for a self-proclaimed great guy (28-38) whose heart is as

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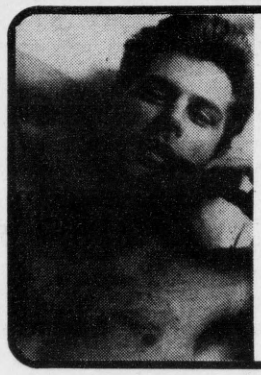

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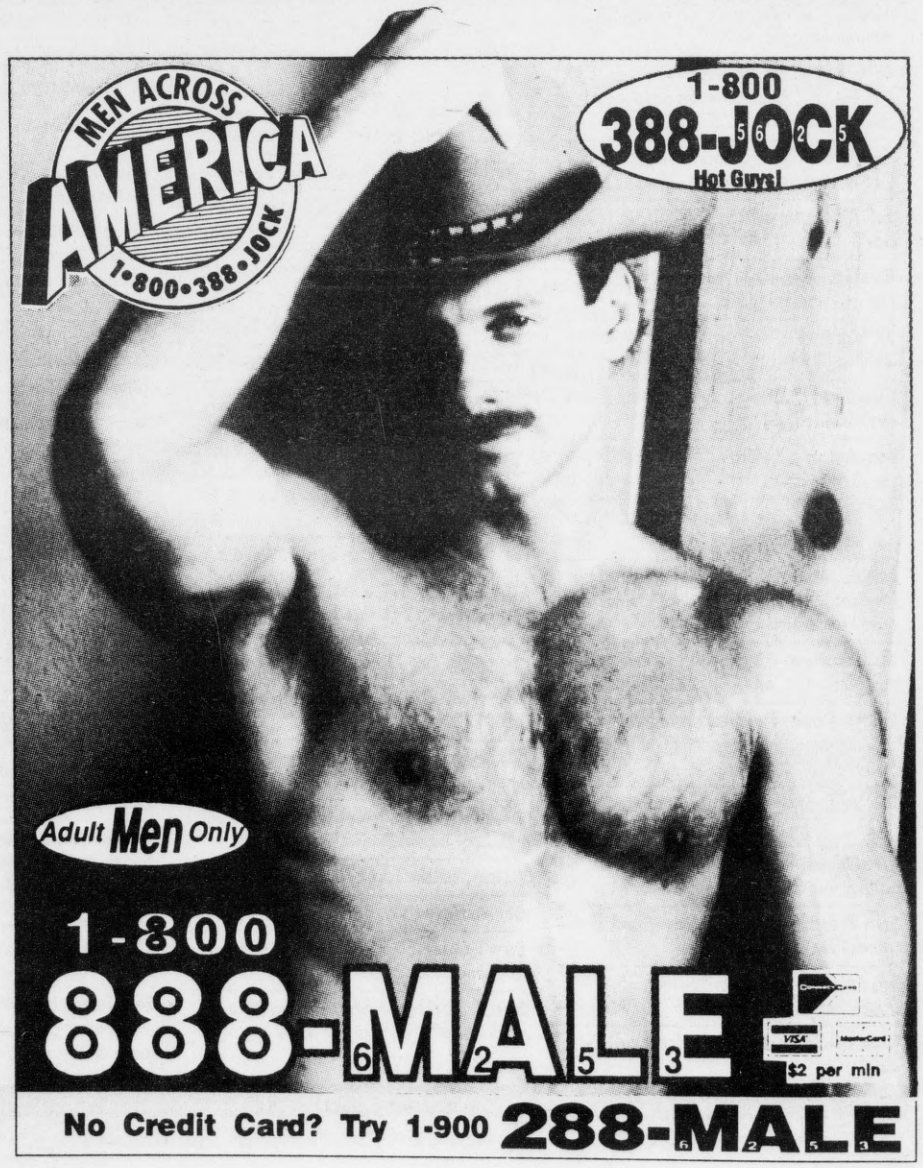

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Seeking The Un-Met Friend
I am moved by small things: Fog streaming past me, an uncontrived smile, the quality of light at dusk, an experienced touch. I am 30, 5′10″, HIV-, fair and athletic—happy, wryly humorous, contemplative, quirky and passionate about life. You are HIV-, darker, unconventionally attractive but able to look beyond yourself, a traveler who moves forward fearlessly, pausing to smile at babies and talk to dogs. Reply BT Box JY131A or call ★★8794.

Hey You!
Yes you, that handsome man in his late twenties-early thirties who is looking for that attractive 31-yr.-old, 6′, 155 lbs., br/bl, athletic, professional, all-American man with a full, busy life who wants to meet some new and exciting people and someday Mr. Right or maybe even just an occasional roll in the hay. Well, guess what? That's me! If you are of similar stats, honest, with a good sense of humor, know how to have a good time and enjoy life, then drop me a line and let's talk. Reply BT Box JY132A or call ★★8795.

Secret Fun Kinky Affair
Me: 22 y.o. GWM, HIV-, br/br. You: HIV-. Turn-ons: Hairy bodies, boxer shorts, daddies, uniforms, sweat. Send photo & descriptive letter. Reply BT Box JY133A or call ★★8796.

Strongman Alert!
Masculine, straight-acting, "regular guy," 37, 5′8″, 160, in good shape (workout 3-4 times a week), seeks very masculine powerlifter/linebacker/bodybuilder type. Like me, you're interested in being with a masculine guy without having to deal with nonsense and affectation. You may feel as if you have more in common with your straight buddies, but you'd like to be with a guy you can relate to. Call ★★8797.

Bare Your Body/Bare Your Soul Open Your Heart/I'll Open Your ——.
Very affectionate, dare I say I needy, GWM, seeks deep and loving relationship where trust, intimacy, communication and bonding may be more important than sex. I'm attractive, intelligent, HIV-, 38, blond, 5′7″ and 135 lbs. Happily unemployed, I have lots of time to enjoy movies, nature, nude beaches, friends, therapy, art, the gym, and you. Besides being very lovable, you are trim, youthful, compatible and ready for a great relationship. Reply BT Box JY134A or call ★★8798.

Seeking Luminous Junior
Spiritually active, healthy, happy, attractive GWM, 42, 6′, 160#, br/bl, seeks curious, luminous junior (18-25). I'm caring, sensitive and dynamic, intimate and adventurous, and I like reading, travel, TV sports, hanging out with friends, romance and a pinch of vital sex. You are similar, well-educated and mature, with a lean, hardy, passionate body and soul. Please send photo and note to PO Box 9687, Berkeley 94709.

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To awaken to the wonder and beauty of a new day is gift. To awaken to one's gay, feeling, spiritual self is happiness. To awaken to another's touch, love and embrace is bliss. To awaken to new heart-to-heart and maybe body-to-body connections is my quest. GWM, youthful, early 50s. Awaken. Risk. Call ★★8799.

Sensitive, Tender Stud Sought
With a cute, hot butt to lick, sensual lips to kiss, warm body to caress. Am WM, sexy model-type (HIV-), seeking special guy (21-30) who, like me, is also bright, spirited, unjaded and not into types. Prefer unpretentious, honest, straight-acting WM (HIV-) who seeks connection with great-looking guy who will keep you on your toes. Respond with photo (returned with SASE) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620 or call ★★8800.

Contra Costa County Man
GWM, 30, would like to meet another GWM under 35 interested in establishing a relationship. I'm 5′9″, 155 lbs., HIV-, attractive, masculine and clean-cut. I have brown eyes, brown hair and a moustache. Interests include bike riding, hiking, swimming, movies, music and computers. You should be a nonsmoker, HIV-, believe in monogamy and honesty in a relationship. PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★8801.

Needle In Haystack Revisited
I got a great response to my ad in May but lost half the responses! If still interested or newly interested, please phone or write: I'm 37, 5′8″, 130 lbs., HIV-, Jewish, longhaired, seeking stocky top over 30 for romantic one-on-one. Reply BT Box JY135A or call ★★8802.

Yo, Black Bottoms!
Lusty white top, 31, 5′8″, brn/grn, moustache, well-hung, seeks eager, submissive, Black bottoms. I've got the dominant attitude and equipment to work your last nerve and make you come back for more. You've got the wet mouth and fine bootie to make daddy want to take care of you all night long. Write to 584 Castro, #102, SF 94114 or call ★★8803.

How To Begin...?
Me: GWM, early-mid-forties, 5′10″, 160#, brn hair, moustache, balding, blue eyes, HIV-, medium build, good shape, masculine, friendly, hairy; like people, sex, outdoors, good conversation, good, films, etc. You: 30-50, friendly, intelligent, masculine, level-headed, looking for possible new acquaintances, experiences, fun times. Moustache/beard, balding a plus. PO Box 14112, 4304 18th St., SF 94114 or call ★★8804.

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I'm quite a catch, but so are you. Let's unite and develop an intimate, powerful, monogamous relationship. I'm smart (Phi Beta Kappa) and currently pursuing a Stanford doctoral degree. I'm masculine and very good-looking (dark hair, green eyes). Tennis, running and biking keep my body trim and muscular. Most importantly, my loving, affectionate nature defines me. I think you'll enjoy both my jousting sense of playfulness and my thoughtful, reflective sides. Let's share long, lively conversation over candlelit meals, hand-held strolls through the foothills at dusk, and a general lust for life and each other (we're both HIV-). Some of my turn-ons: Mozart and Hayden, mountains and waterfalls, sensual back rubs and deep, forceful kisses, teaching and learning, sexy men in suits and neckties, Hemingway and Steinbeck, kids and dogs, stars and full moons. Turn-offs: drugs, cigarettes, hair loss, excessive alcohol or religiousness. If the three adjectives loving, intelligent and handsome truly describe you well, please write me a detailed, thoughtful letter describing yourself. Include your answer to this: If a total stranger gave you a $100,000 gift, what would you do with it? A returnable photo is a must. Write me at PO Box 9468, Stanford 94309, and let the fireworks begin!

I Prefer Racial Harmony
BM, under 24, smooth—HONEST—sought by handsome WM. I'm 5′11″, 150 gym-toned pounds, dark hair, green eyes, hairy body, great smile, fun, loving, generous, artistic, happy, versatile, kind, masculine, respected, stable, healthy mind-body; let's start as friends and build toward an honest relationship based on love and respect. PO Box 410990, #416, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★8805.

Nothing Ventured—Nothing Gained
Man of many talents desires friendship, respect and sex. So where are you? If you are waiting for the perfect man, even he will have flaws. How about a hug, a good listener, a home-made meal, a little laughter? I finally know what life is all about; and I want to share with you. GWM, 40, 5′11″, 200 lbs., uc, very hairy, balding. Reply BT Box JY136A or call ★★8806.

Loving Relationship Sought— I'll Treat You Right
GWM-GAM, 18-28, smooth, drug-free, cute to handsome, in shape, looking for a monogamous relationship. I'm WM, 45, 6′, 175#, hairy, athletic, HIV-, millionaire businessman. I live in Arizona with my golden retriever and parrot, all I need is someone special to share life's finest with. Please write me c/o 584 Castro St., #416, SF 94114 or call ★★8807.

Calvin Searching For Hobbes
Mischievous, fun-loving, GWM, 27, 5′11″, 180 lbs., br/bl, cleanshaven, professional (against my will) and part-time graduate student, searching for similar guy for adventures in the Bay Area. Looking for a relationship built on friendship, not just a quick jump in the bed nor instant commitment. Must be financially and emotionally stable, politically awake and socially concerned, smoke tolerant, with an eclectic range of interests and a wicked sense of humor. I enjoy music (mostly modern rock and house), the arts, friends, coffee (caffeine overachiever), excursions, and playing in the City. Reply BT Box JY137A or call ★★8808.

Upscale Lifestyle For Slightly Younger Man
Financial district professional, GWM, 48, appreciates energy, enthusiasm of somewhat younger man late 20s-30s. Shorter, 'stache pluses; more important are good humor, bright mind. We're both affectionate, oral, great kissers, responsible, upbeat, with varied interests. I'm 5′9″, 158, blond, HIV+, smoker, traveled, educated. Not a sugar daddy, but ready to share upscale lifestyle. If we click on the phone, let's make love and get acquainted on the pillows. Call ★★8809.

Doctor Dad Seeks Son
Brown, yellow or white buns sought by healthy, handsome, dad-type top. Clean, sober, non-smoker. Note and photo to PO Box 13811, Berkeley 94704-3811 or call ★★8810.

Living In Sonoma County
is awesome. 26, 6′, 175, healthy, active, handsome, positive, always into something different, would like to meet you if you are also in shape, positive, attractive and feel like you can do what you want, when you want to. Petaluma-Santa Rosa area a +. Send me a reply, but don't take it too seriously. Reply BT Box JY157A or call ★★8811.

Hung, Uncut, Tactile Voyeur
Tall, thin, dark-haired Latino masseur, 39, likes watching, being watched, masturbating and sometimes touching with other uncut men—especially thin, young and/or hung over 8″ like me. Let's arrange adventurous—& sometimes seemingly chance—encounters around town (brief OK). I love catching glimpses in restrooms, through windows, etc. Also possible: massage or sensual stroking/rubbing. I'm a childlike, eternal "beginner" who loves playing "Show me yours & I'll show you mine." Write Boxholder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★8812.

Hello Mr. Chips
GWM, 33 y.o., part Mr. Chips, part Miss Jean Brodie, seeking burly sophisticate to brush the chalk dust off me. I'm 5′11″, 175 lbs., HIV+, asymptomatic, bearded, brown hair/eyes, reasonably handsome. You're husky but firm and healthy, nonsmoker, light-drink OK, looking for companion for city and country adventures. Our sex is more rocky road than vanilla, but always safe. Photo w/letter gets same. Reply BT Box JY138A or call ★★8813.

Anglo Seeks Latino Playmate
Offbeat, handsome male (28) with great smile would be thrilled to meet one compatible, single guy for ongoing, mutually satisfying, licentious playtime. Playtime might include (but would never be limited to) kissing, caressing, pinching, biting (gently, of course), exploring. Sweat, scents, tastes and touch are especially approved. Interests of mine are varied—from early Christianity to Egon Schiele; toys to current events; exotic cultures to weekends at Tahoe. Rather than a "perfect match" I prefer respect, consideration, intelligence, creativity and individuality in my partner. Sensuous, uninhibited, insatiable, queer Latinos are very encouraged to respond. If intense sex is desired, with future possibilities open-ended, leave a titillating message. Call ★★8814.

I Heard A Rumor...
Love child of Cho Cho San and Bart Simpson (GAM, 20s, 149#, 5′9″, bl/br) seeks cute young GW/AM with like interests: old movies, early '80s pop (Bananarama, Heaven 17, Missing Persons, etc.), listening to the rain. Let's swap tapes and maybe a kiss, if the feeling's right. Prefer slim-to-medium build, no facial hair. ND/Smoking OK. Letter appreciated, photo optional, call if you like. Reply BT Box JY139A or call ★★8815.

I Want It All!
Do you find that most men see your body or face and forget you're a person? I'm looking for a whole person. You'll probably find we're alike in some ways. We're both masculine, intelligent, clean-cut men who have a sense of humor, don't smoke, and work out. And if you're shorter and younger than me (GWM, 39, 5′8″, 150#, HIV-), I'd really like to hear from you! Reply BT Box JY140A or call ★★8816.

Relationship In Tune With Nature
Down-to-earth artist seeks companion who also relates to the natural rhythm of life and the magical experience of the Bay Area. I'm 40, 5′11″, 170, healthy, into camping, hiking, sailing, creative expression and ready to bond my life with another nature lover who can relate to a monogamous relationship. Let's get to know each other by taking my truck camping in the redwoods and sharing our energy next to a campfire. Your picture gets mine. Reply Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★8817.

Touching, Hugging, Kissing
I'm a romantic searching for that sensual and sexy man who wants the same. Vanilla is perfect. I'm GWM, 5′6″, 145 lbs., blond/green, cute, turning 40—look younger, HIV+ (asymptomatic). I like movies, TV, theater, Ella to Aretha, opera to KKSF, some drinking, sharp wit, communication from the heart. Usually a bottom. Seek similar age/height, nonsmoker, honest, emotionally and financially secure, handsome man. Reply BT Box JY141A or call ★★8818.

Erotic Intimacy & More
Man, 50, short, sensual, safe, sane and stimulating, seeks independent, responsible, HIV- friend with luscious, sexy, smooth bottom that is open and receptive to good times. Let's get it on, get it in & live the dance of passion with zeal, affection & tender care. Write this top, hot man (I'm in East Bay and Russian River areas), PO Box 3242, Oakland 94609 or call ★★8819.

Love & Affection
Do you see yourself as stable, romantic, attractive & healthy? How about passionate, sexual, curious, quiet, gentle, humorous & flexible—with a willingness to work on a relationship, seek the truth & open to intimacy and in your own personal way embrace the spiritual component of life. Me: 50 & most of the above (on a good day), short, great smile, in shape. PO Box 6704, Santa Rosa 95406 or call ★★8820.

Cafe Picaro, 6/25, 9 PM
You: wearing vertical striped rugby, talking with female friend with long, straight, dark hair. I was also w/female friend wearing orange cap. Me: 5′8″, denim shirt, black jeans. You both left, unfortunately, but ran into you again sitting outside on 16th. Didn't work up the nerve to say hi & regretting it now. Would love to hear from you. Call ★★8821.

Want It All?
I wrote my first ad last month... It was flippant, funny and real. The response was great for flat-out sex and lots of laughs. The thing is I have a heart, mind, body and soul... These parts converge in one package that wants to share. I am open, accessible, versatile, awake, good-looking, have great eyes and terrific smile. I'm tall, strong in body and spirit, multi-faceted, have a lively libido and much more. You? I'm 44 and look 35, 6′2″, brown, curly hair, trim beard... and HIV-. I'm interested in meeting other lifemate material, a friend, a man. If accessible—photo & letter welcome. Reply BT Box JY142A or call ★★8822.

Big Hairy Men
Are the type I'm attracted to. I am a good-looking, 35, GWM, balding, beard, 6′, 160, hairy and in-shape. I'm a bottom who is romantic, honest, communicative, creative and stable. I offer a positive attitude, career, fun and emotional stability. I have many personal interests as do you. If you want to share these attributes and offer them in return, please contact me. Reply BT Box JY143A or call ★★8823.

Marin Man
GWM, young 37, vibrant body, successful professional, intelligent, artistic, socially aware, outdoorsy & spiritually inclined. Into: sensory pleasures & cerebral musings, mountain bike rides, beach sunsets, dancing, playing, massage & movement. Looking for a friendship with similar interests (20s to early 40s) for adventurous & intimate times. Sense of humor mandatory. Quality of being more vital than buffed body. Call ★★8824.

Uncommon Black Male
Can you relate to my warm heart, caring soul and romantic sensuality? Can I experience your maturity, intellect and sincerity in a quiet moment of intimacy? Savor the thought. I am 37, attractive, 5′8″, 135 lbs., and enjoy the basic pleasures of life: movies, dining out/in, lazy Sunday afternoons, travel, music and dancing. Your list of uncommon ingredients should include: age 25-40, attractive, stable, healthy, trim, versatile/bottom sexually and—most of all—honesty. Photo if possible. Call ★★8825.

Kinky Party Guys
GWM, mid-30s, well-built, clean-cut, seeks others into party fun—dominance/submission, fantasy games, bondage, sweat, nastiness games, 3-ways, groups. Let's talk and get into some of our wilder, imaginative fantasies. Up for most scenes—let me know what you're into. All replies answered. Give it a try. Reply BT Box JY144A or call ★★8826.

Asian Desires Asian
Gay Asian American, attractive, masculine, muscular, clean-cut, HIV-, 28, 5′10″, 167 lbs., seeks similar hunky Asian (or WM), 22-35 years old, to spend good times with. I enjoy: movies (out or at home), eating out, outdoor activities, laughter and learning & exploring new things. Let's meet and share some fun times together. Letter/photo or call. Reply BT Box JY145A or call ★★8827.

Pragmatic Dreamer Sees Visionary
Aspiring working student, 28 y.o., 150 lbs., 5′8″, blond and bearded, seeks social-minded, nicotine-free vegetarian with an eye to the future. Let's use our hearts and minds to learn about ourselves, grow toward love, and share the music of life. Send photo/letter to PO Box 470396, SF 94147 or call ★★8828.

Go For It!
Relationships never happen when I'm looking for one, but my horoscope said romance is waiting. I'm an attractive GWM grad student, 30, 5′8″, 155, br/br, hairy. I'm a fun, sensitive, intelligent person with strong opinions and an offbeat sense of humor who's looking for new people and experiences. Ideally this would involve a cute, hairy man about my size and age who enjoys holding someone as much as having wild, safe sex. I'm not into attitudes, labels, smokers, people obsessed with gym bodies or too independent for relationships. I enjoy films, books, music, languages, travel, cooking, pubs, clubs, entertaining my cat and exploring SF. Interested? Let's go for it! It's great to have new friends and maybe we could even prove there's something in the stars. Reply BT Box JY146A or call ★★8829.

Black Seeks Bearded Dad
For a monogamous relationship. I'm 30, 5′7″, 145 lbs., HIV-, masculine, and good-looking. You're older, any race, friendly, honest, not into the bar scene and, like me, enjoy camping, hiking, travel, movies, cooking, quiet nights at home, and hot, safe sex. Will respond to all serious replies. S., PO Box 28641, Oakland 94604 or call ★★8830. Dads with moustaches, as well as blue collar types also welcome.

Don't Waste More Time
Retired GWM, 143#, 5′7″, HIV-, who is seeking a sincere GBM any age for friendship, recreation, intimacy. If you agree with the poet who said, "Grow old with me, the best is yet to be," and if you like good music, good company, movies, dining, Call ★★8831.

Monogamous Relationship Sought
GWM, 35, 5′6″, 140 lbs., brn hair/eyes, HIV-, seeks other, similar, HIV- GWM, preferably of Mediterranean background, up to age 35, and close to my height and weight. I'm honest, affectionate, loyal and intelligent. Still taking a few classes at the university and fairly active in community events. I enjoy nature, dancing, and do my best to help others. Reply BT Box JY147A or call ★★8832.

Thai Boyfriend Wanted
Khun pen khon Thai mai? If you are Thai, I would love to meet you. I promise you will not be disappointed. Please call me or write to me. Thank you. Reply BT Box JY148A or call ★★8833.

Young Couple Seeks Sexual Adventure
3rd party & up to join us. We are very attractive, 22, 5′9″, 130, brn/hzl, and 25, 6′, 175, brn/brn, inexperienced in crowded beds and too shy to approach people in bars. You be 18-30, cute/handsome, smooth, fit and preferably bottom. Inexperienced like us is OK. Send note w/photo and contact # to BT Box JY149A or call ★★8834.

Perfectman Doesn't Exist
But for reference, he'd be like me in that he was non-ghettoized in demeanor, 5′8″ to 5′11″, thirtyish, weighed a weightlifting-defined 150# to 200#, had swarthy Mediterranean features (prominent jaw, chin and brow, medium to Roman nose, "heavy beard")—and was at least handsome enough (not boyish or rough) to make Advocate Men, which he's only seen by accident. He'd be confident, yet seemingly unconcerned about his looks, which would be maintained in a business like manner, avoiding jewelry, cologne, chic haircuts, logos or neon colors. He wouldn't need to tell me verbally how handsome, well-built or sexy I am, or that I have a gorgeous cock and know how to use it because his speed in returning my phone calls would be a religious testimonial. Instead, he'd comment on my contemporary art, found objects, or record collection.

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Perfectman might even overlook my financial ineptness, satisfied in exploiting my artistic, horticultural and other domestic qualities, or would, at least, manipulate me in a direction that was mutually beneficial. Sharing my disdain for popular escapism and commercial culture, Perfectman would enjoy an evening of 78s and cuddling or an afternoon of hiking, gardening or riding. We would waltz in non-gay clubs and wouldn't bother eating in gay restaurants. Perfectman would not be threatened by my materialistic view or independent thinking on matters of nationalism and environmentalism, and would find my candor and left-wing values to be integral to our shared humor. PO Box 460662, SF 94146 or call ★★8835.

Very Shy

GWM, 6'3", 160#, brown hair and eyes, moustache, I'm told I'm good-looking and that I don't look 42, but looks are a personal judgment call. I'm an average, open, masculine, upfront and honest guy, quiet, sort of a hick. I enjoy being outdoors, .day hiking, driving, reading, movies, music and a bunch more stuff. I want to increase my circle of friends, with similar type guys, to do things with. If you're interested, send me a note and we'll see what happens. W., PO Box 7032, Berkeley 94707-0032 or call ★★8836.

Inside/Outside

Here are the qualities I value in myself and in you: honesty, sense of flexibility and fun, awareness of inner life, intelligence and a willingness to give and receive. The outside stuff: I'm a GWM, 43, about 6' tall, easy on the eyes, trim, good health, good career, HIV-, nonsmoking. I enjoy hiking, travel, friends, music, psychology and spirituality (with a sense of humor), exploring, and maybe a little dancing. If this strikes a chord for you, let's talk over a cup of coffee or during a walk. Reply BT Box JY150A or call ★★8837.

Country Gentleman

Handsome, sensual, sophisticated Sonoma Co. vintner, formerly of SF, desires to meet others (25-45) who live in SF or North Bay. Like me you appreciate urban and rural life, music, fine food and wine and travel (esp. Europe). At 41, I'm fit and HIV-, 175 lbs., 6 ft., black hair, blue eyes, moustache, masculine and sexual. Currently unattached, I am open to friendship or l.t.r. Call ★★8838.

Chunky Chaser! Foot Fascination!

If you've got extra pounds on, that's just perfect! If you're a person of color, I love that. If you're older, I love that too. I'm a 34 y.o. GWM, 5'11", 175 lbs., br/bl. Actively romantic heart, smooth body and to me feet are sexy! Call ★★8839.

Wieners And Buns

Man sought for weenie roast for 2. Let's get our doggies all plump and steamy, our buns hot and toasty, and have a playful love feast. Me: cute, 35 y.o., mostly healthy PWA, br/br, Jewish, 5'9", 140 lbs. You: 30s or 40s, any race, sexy, a bit more aggressive than me. Call soon—the grill is getting hot. Call ★★8840.

Looking For A Boy

Bearded white guy, 34 years old, 5'4", 120 lbs., gentle, smily, intelligent, healthy, recent immigrant, needs you. Offers worship and sensual massage. Wants to learn anything from you. Likes to listen. Please take a try and reply to: Box 51, 1001 Page St., SF 94117 or call ★★8841.

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IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

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SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through Aug. 4. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

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someone a bit older than you? Are you HIV-, non-substance-dependent? Do you like cuddling, orgasms together, and receiving affectionate daddy-spankings in fantasy play? I'm handsome, 42, 5'11", 165, bearded, balding, East Bay teacher, "out," musical, nonmaterialistic but comfortable, love nature walks and city events. Include your phone, please. Photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★8842.

Clean-Cut 36 y.o. HIV- Blond

Broad shoulders and narrow hips describe this man. Being health-conscious, he works out regularly, doesn't smoke, drinks very little and eats right. Being very instinctive, trusting, sensitive, shy type guy who's passionate, he wants to meet other good-looking guys with similar traits, who don't smoke, have their life in order and know what they want. Most everything in life interests him, and life is not dull. He likes all types of men, particularly men with dark hair and skin. He is a little shallow when it comes to penis size, so if you have a big one and are interested, call ★★8843.

Don't Be All Snobbish!

Fun-loving QWBoy, 28, enjoys dancin', thrift stores, bein' with friends, readin', cocktails, laughin', music, general silliness. Wanna meet a like-minded boy, 25-35, who likes to kiss, talk, hug, share fantasies. Me: 6'2", 170#, br/gr, creative and versatile, sexually and otherwise. You: great smile, easygoin'. Reply BT Box JY151A or call ★★8844. P.S.: Right on from Marlys!

Perfect Combination

GBM seeks GWM, 25-40. I'm 32, 6'1", 240 lbs., F/P, G/A, football player build, straight-acting, not into "the scene." I like tall men, easygoing with an open mind. My interests are varied and yours should be too. I'm a nonsmoker, looking for another HIV- guy for good times and possible relationship. Looks are unimportant. It's what's inside that counts. PO Box 591096, SF 94159.

Totally Krossed Out Blond

Seeks redhead, blond or African-American guys for fun and friendship. Prefer healthy, lean or muscular my size. I'm 6', 175 lbs., in great shape, healthy, active, HIV-, attractive, unconventional, affectionate, playful, have a sense of humor and into cycling, aerobic walking, the outdoors, kids & animals, cuddling, hot safe sex, sleepovers and more. Open to relationship... boyfriend, lover, you name it. PO Box 882872, SF 94188 or call ★★8845.

"Tall Man Desires"

Looking & searching for young, fun, wholesome, fair-skinned "taller" guys with masculine self-assuredness and looks. Someone who could enjoy the regular, non-overbearing company of a confident, handsome, intelligent, healthy, fit Mediterranean type guy. 5'10", 170, 30, with dark brown hair, eyes. Sensuality and passion are my strengths as well as a great personality and hot mouth. Smoother guys are preferred and oral satisfaction is guaranteed. Reply BT Box JY152A or call ★★8846.

Are you left of center, politically aware, socially conscious; do you find life to be an intense experience; do relationships bring purpose to your life? I am a 45 y.o., healthy, attractive man who values his friends, children, work and life itself. My interests include discussing political and social issues, theater, dancing, and staying physically and emotionally fit. I am looking for friendship and potential relationship, where I can explore who I am and what life is all about. If interested please call ★★8847.

Smarter Than The Average Bear

35 y.o., 185#, 6', full-bearded bear, articulate media professional, spends lots of time outdoors (hiking, bicycling, sailing) and indoors (reading). Looking for a bearded bear to add fucking and cuddling to that list. Like interests a plus, and salt/pepper makes me slobber, but the only essentials are a bearded man satisfied with who he is and what he does for a living, with a dick that has a mind of its own. Reply BT Box JY153A or call ★★8848.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asians

Loving, caring GWM, 37, sincere, honest, healthy, seeks slim, cleanshaven Asian guy who is also loving, caring, sincere, honest, healthy, for companionship and hopefully lasting relationship. I am 6', 180 lbs., with soft brown hair and hazel eyes. I currently reside on East Coast (Virginia) but am hoping to relocate to San Francisco. Please reply with detailed letter and photo. Reply BT Box JY154A.

A Lotus In The Urban Jungle

Deep sensitivity is rare, and easily overlooked. I'm a slim, tall, dark-eyed, warm-hearted, Cuban-American GWM seeking genuine intimacy. Am boyish, 32, HIV-, initially shy, cute despite receded hairline, very kind, bottomish, both quiet and playful, Buddhist, passionate, very perceptive, communicative, somewhat new to sexual relationships. My heart longs for kind, spiritual, loving brothers, and my hands dream of playing with your hair and touching your smooth male skin. If you're similar in age, form and spirit, please reach out—I'd love to find you. Reply BT Box JY155A or call ★★8849.

Calling Brave Cute Adventurers!

With keen senses, an open heart, hot, sexy bod and active mind, this wild, handsome, progressive dreamer navigates through life, from the corporate jungle to the world of theater, cinema, travels, sports. This bicultural, all Asian-American boy, 29, 5'8", 135#, is ready for the right guy—any race, 21-36, cleanshaven, nonsmoking, with good looks, body, mind. Capture my heart and together we'll explore, discover, get naked and... Prefer letter/photo. Reply BT Box JY156A or call ★★8850.

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